

<b>Name of Governor:</b> Mrs Jenny Shearer	<b>Curriculum Area:</b> Modern Foreign Languages	<b>Date of Visit:</b> 29/11/17
<b>Dept Visited:</b> Modern Foreign Languages		
<b>Teacher:</b> Mrs L Rawden		
<b>Objectives of Visit:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow up on last meeting.</li> <li>2. To discuss lesson visits from Spring Term.</li> <li>3. To discuss successes/areas for development.</li> </ol>		
<b>Update from Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following on from our last discussion re the new objective to allow 4a &amp; 4b pupils not choosing a language as an option in Yr 10, to sit GCSE in May. This happened and students did well. We also discussed the new changes due to the new GCSE which is totally different. There is also a problem with in-year transfers, as a lot of these students haven't studied either French or German, but mainly Spanish in the feeder primary and high schools and there is no real solution to this problem.</li> <li>• I asked LR how the new French Teacher was getting on and she is very pleased with GCK. She has brought some great strategies with her from her previous school in Winsford.</li> <li>• The school is continuing to prepare students throughout KS3 for their GCSE work which will be beneficial to all.</li> <li>• We had a discussion about planned moves etc. LR confirmed that she and a number of staff in the Overpool Building are not happy with the suggestion that the staff room is to be moved to Mr Davies very small office – it would need to accommodate 23 TA's plus the MFL staff and it has no washing facilities let alone the seating capacity for that amount of staff. The staff room should be an area for staff to relax and socialise with peers and to offload after sometimes challenging lessons and this room is just not practical and makes staff feel as though they are at the bottom of the school's priority list. Staff should not be forced to have to eat their lunch in their classrooms. Also the logistics of travelling from the MFL rooms to the proposed staff room, eating lunch and then having to go to the other side of the school to use the toilet and washing facilities and then getting back to your classroom within 20 mins will be a challenge at the best of times. The staff are also not happy that the new inclusion room will be on the same corridor as the ladies toilets, as the door accessing the toilets opens directly into the toilets and if staff are changing in there, etc pupils from the inclusion room could just walk in.</li> <li>• We moved on to discuss this year's budgets and LR confirmed that no new books are currently required but she would like some IPAD's/Tablets (5 or 6) for the 6<sup>th</sup> form and this could be part of her April budget spend.</li> <li>• LR to also keep a lookout at e-mails from the PTA with regards to opportunities for extra funding.</li> <li>• We also discussed the examining boards that the school use. LR informed me that school will stick with current choices and review the situation in the Summer 18 term.</li> <li>• Finally we discussed the fact that there have been changes across all levels of school (Yr7, GCSE and A' Levels) which have been hard to juggle. Overall the MFL Dept are in a better position now but the changes impact all levels e.g. documents, data website, etc. The French pass rates were up 10% and the German results remained high. The hopes are to maintain those great results this year. The school uses the Welsh examining Board and mock exam papers are accessible to teachers on their website but it is not secure. LR has spoken to the representative from the examining board to make them aware of this. There is a specimen mock for the new Year 11's – but a new mock will need to be re-written for March.</li> </ul>		
<b>Signature of visiting governor:</b> J K Shearer		
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