Name of Governor: Mrs Jenny Shearer	***Curriculum Area:*** Modern Foreign Languages	***Date of Visit:*** 6/7/16

Dept Visited: Modern Foreign Languages

Teacher: Mrs L Rawden

Objectives of Visit:

1. Follow up on last meeting.
2. To discuss potential areas for improvement/problems within the Dept and also discuss successes.

Update from Visit:

- Our first topic of discussion was how the new objective to allow 4a & 4b pupils not choosing a language as an option in Yr 10, to sit GCSE in May. LR said it had been a challenge due to the late notice but all staff (especially Mrs Ravetto) had all pulled together and the positives definitely outweighed the negatives.
- We then discussed the interviews for the new French teacher. LR said the interviews went well and that she was pleased with the outcome. The new teacher is timetabled to teach French but she can also teach Spanish which may be beneficial in the future. The new teacher will work P/T for 2 days and almost work as a job share with one of the other MFL staff who will work 3 days.
- LR spoke about how she feels it would be beneficial to prepare students throughout KS3 for their GCSE work.
- I asked LR what she thought about the new build. LR was still a little unsure of the final plans so I gave a brief explanation of where the building work will take place. LR expressed concern over the possible noise of the building work due to the position of her classroom. I explained that things have fallen behind schedule so it is a possibility that building will probably be in the Winter when the windows would be closed. LR seemed OK with this.
- We moved on to discuss this year's budgets and although LR admitted that in previous years she has been very good at managing the budget and would usually have a buffer for stationery, etc - this year that is not the case as there has been a requirement to buy the new French & German GCSE textbooks. LR did report that MM (Finance) had been very accommodating re request for funds to cover this and two new A Level course books, but there is no cushion for stationery, etc this year.
- On a plus note the PTA had awarded the Dept a sum of money and LR had decided to purchase some new headsets for the pupils when using the computers for Doddle, etc. 35 new headsets were purchased and the students seemed very happy about this.
- We also discussed the examining boards that the school can use. LR informed me that one of the boards (OCR) will no longer be offering languages, leaving 3 examining boards available to school including WJEC which The Whitby High School have used for the past 10 years.
- 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 but overall the MFL Dept has managed well.

Signature of visiting governor:

Date: