



MINUTES OF THE LGB CATMOSE COLLEGE MEETING

Thursday 3 July 2025, 5pm
The Gallery

PRESENT

Rosemary Dodson, Emma Gautrey (Vice Chair), Thomas Heath, Andrew Holt (Chair), Gary Marsh, Alex Mould, Peter Onslow, Stuart Williams (Principal).

IN ATTENDANCE

Alice Beckwith (Vice Principal), Alex Emmerson (Vice Principal), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional), Sarah Sykes (Member)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence

Andrew Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Andrew Cross, Briege Slattery and Clive Morton.

2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2025 and minutes from the Attendance Scrutiny Panel on 12 June 2025

The minutes were signed to be a true and accurate record of the meetings.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Clerk's Business

The meeting dates for 2025/2026 were shared with governors.

6. Principal's Update

Year 11 students had a wonderful end of term celebration at the Prom where the year group came together for the last time. At the end of their GCSEs, Year 11 students were also treated to tea and cake. New senior students have recently been appointed to roles of head students, deputies, senior prefects and subject ambassadors.

Recent trips have included the Cambridge art trip and Iceland photography. The careers team have also been busy with fairs and talks and there has been success with athletics alongside a successful sports day. Rotary competitions have also been well received with winners in the Young Writers competition.

7. Admissions

There is still a waiting list for the new Year 7 intake in September. In other year groups, the College is close to being full, with a few on the waiting list and offers being made that will fill the year groups.

8. Resources Update

The recurrent position looks positive; with capital expenditure already accounted for, (Sports Hall refurbishment (approx. £79k) and the Barlow Building retention (£74k), this should lead to a break-even position overall. The risks for next year are now reduced with the teachers' pay award being partially funded. The Federation is forecasting approximately a £150k deficit. This is manageable as lagged funding is causing -£180k of this. Year 2 and 3 should head back to a break-even position.

9. Scorecards

Attendance Scorecard

The attendance figure is currently at 95%, which when compared to statistically similar schools, this is high. Attendance is in a very good position. Analysis has also been undertaken if attendance is worse on certain days of the week, with Thursday being the least popular day, the pattern will be observed again next year. Students enjoy Electives on Wednesdays.

Behaviour Scorecard

A comparison had been made with the scorecard from this time last year regarding the number of behaviour entries, it is pleasing to note that most year groups have improved, apart from Year 10. Post Covid, behaviour across the College is much improved. The number of suspensions and permanent exclusions are also lower than last year. Year 7 have had a settled year and having a head of year has had good impact along with the Catmose Challenge.

Safeguarding

There are currently 13 students who are open to child protection or child in need. Each term a safeguarding newsletter is produced for parents, the topic this term has been around the dangers of using Snus.

Teaching Scorecard

Overall, teaching is very strong with relationships being a strength and this is reinforced by the low number of recorded behaviour incidents.

Outcomes Year 9 and 10

English is in a good place and the maths result is 5% lower than last year, particularly for lower ability students. There is a bespoke plan for each student and targeted intervention. Overall, the data is fine with an average progress score of 0.5 which would put the College in the top 20% of schools nationally.

10. Policies

The following policies were shared with governors prior to the meeting along with details of the amendments.

- Searching Students and Confiscation Policy
- Welfare Visit

The policies were ratified.

11.A.O.B

There was no further business.