



# MINUTES OF THE LGB CATMOSE COLLEGE MEETING

Thursday 5 February 2026, 4pm  
The Gallery

## PRESENT

Andrew Cross, Jane Evans, Emma Gautrey, Thomas Heath, Andrew Holt (Chair), Gary Marsh, Alex Mould, Peter Onslow, Briege Slattery, Stuart Williams (Principal).

## IN ATTENDANCE

Claire Pugh (Vice Principal), Alice Beckwith (Vice Principal), Alex Emmerson (Vice Principal), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional).

### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andrew Holt welcomed all attendees. Apologies were received and accepted from Rosemary Dodson and Clive Norgaard Morton.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

No personal or pecuniary interests were declared.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Following the presentation last term from students involved in Greenpower, a governor had sponsored the initiative.

### 5. GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONAL

Thomas Heath and Andrew Cross (previously Parent Governors) agreed to serve for a further four-year term and they have been appointed by the local governing body. An advert for new parent governors will be circulated in the Connect newsletter.

Alex Mould and Andrew Holt have been reappointed as trustees and governors by Members for another four-year term.

An email link has been distributed to governors for completion of the financial and business interests' declaration.

### 6. STUDENT PRESENTATION RE: REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A small group of students were welcomed to the meeting to share their experiences of the College's rewards systems. Golden tickets provide privileges such as skipping the lunch queue on 'fish and chips Friday', whilst the Zero Hero reward recognises students with no

negative behaviour or CPOMS points and consistently strong uniform. Rewards include edible treats.

Students expressed preference for badges as long-term keepsakes and they appreciated being acknowledged for their efforts, such as a Principal's commendation. They enjoy being recognised in class for good work and going home and telling their parents about how they have been recognised for their achievements.

## 7. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Stuart Williams reported that the student council have recently enjoyed a visit from the High Sheriff. There have been some strong sporting performances from gymnastics and netball teams. Trips and visits have continued, with a successful trip to Cadbury's World for the BTEC Business and Enterprise students.

- **Admissions Scorecard**

The College remains close to capacity across all year groups and continues to receive relocation enquiries. Recently in-year enquiries have been from students at John Ferneley College.

Thomas Heath joined the meeting at 16.30pm

- **Behaviour Scorecard**

Behaviour is largely stable, although Year 9 shows an increase in negative incidents. FSM and EHCP students show higher rates of negative behaviour; interventions are ongoing. Boys receive more negative behaviour points than girls, though the gap has reduced by 4% since the last governors meeting. There has been an increase in child-on-child abuse, including racist language and suspensions linked to this behaviour have increased. Suspensions have doubled since last term (10 suspensions); 3 permanent exclusions.

**Question: How can the College compare national averages of suspensions and permanent exclusions?**

The inspection dashboard will be shared at the next meeting. It was noted that the College is similar in numbers with Rutland schools. In larger MATs they are able to move students to other schools within their MAT.

- **Attendance Scorecard**

Current whole-College attendance is currently at 94.2% (down by 0.05% since the last governors meeting. Years 10 and 11 show the strongest attendance and lower attendance in Years 8 and 9 attributed to seasonal illness.

- **Outcomes & Progress**

Year 7 is performing well; English and Maths in line with national expectations. Maths slightly behind English in Year 11 but improving with a more able cohort moving upwards through the College.

Governors discussed interpretation and format of scorecards; the senior leadership team will trial alternative presentations ahead of next meeting.

Year 9 raw data appears weak but is influenced by previous inaccuracies and more robust grading standards this year.

- **Teaching Scorecard**

There is a high proportion of exemplary lessons observed. Strong relationships between staff and students highlighted. No areas of concern identified.

## 8. SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Current caseload includes: Child Protection: 6 and Child in Need: 5. Issues include mental health, domestic abuse, exploitation, and refugee support. 'Charlie's Promise' knife crime assembly delivered which was extremely impactful.

## 9. UPDATE FROM RESOURCES

The College finances are stable with anticipated recurrent surplus. SEN funding from Leicestershire County Council has been received. Catering income has increased which supports the planned capital work (e.g., Orangery flooring).

Staff will explore sustainability grants: EV chargers, solar panels, carbon reduction projects. Investment is planned for new computing suite and IT improvements.

## 10. TELEPHONE MAST

Governors were updated with the progress of the telephone mast. A letter to the Department for Education will be submitted from the Chair of the Trust and Chair of the Local Governing Body stating that the Trust agrees to proceed with the disposal of land for the purposes of a telecommunications lease on the basis of the advice received from Stone King Solicitors and advice from Phone Mast Advice. The negotiations have resulted in an agreement of £2000 rent per annum, with very limited impact on the operation of the site.

## 11. POLICY RATIFICATIONS

The below policies were ratified by governors:

- Behaviour Management Policy – updated to reflect national conversations of phone use in schools and more explicit approach to harassments of staff. A letter will be issued to parents from the Principal regarding use of phones.
- Uniform Policy – Clarified branded items.
- Examinations Policy – Updated for JCQ requirements including AI and counter-terrorism guidance.
- Assessment & Reporting Policy – Includes AI malpractice expectations.

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Use of AI in schools – Scheduled for fuller discussion at next meeting.
- The Transformation Plan is a live document and will be shared further with governors.
- Scrutiny Panel on pastoral care - Thursday 12 March 2026, 10.30am
- Grease the musical – Wednesday 25 March - Saturday 28 March 2026

### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Local Governing Body Catmose College - Thursday 26 March 2026, 4pm

The meeting closed at 17.50pm