



HNS Education Committee Meeting – Executive Summary

Date	2nd December 2014
Time	1815 - 2010
Location	1-9 Downham Road, London N1 5AA
Present Governors	Durell Barnes, Chairman of Education Committee Lesley Falconer, Headteacher Andreas Wesemann, Chair of HNS Phillippa De’Ath, Vice Chair of HNS John Hinton, Parent Governor James Clements, Member Governor
In attendance	Anna Williams, Assistant Headteacher Ben Clemson, Assistant Headteacher Jayne Voice, SEN CO.

The agenda for the board meeting and the main items discussed were as follows:-

1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No apologies
2. Declaration of interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None declared
3. Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of 24 th September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the last meeting of the Education Committee were approved The headteacher updated the Committee on work under way to strengthen further the HNS Summer School program
4. Review of Progress & Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed a report on progress and attainment in the first half-term of autumn 2014 On average, Year 8 students had made 6.4 APS progress since the beginning of Year 7; Year 7 students had performed well in the first half-term with 1.3 average APS progress across all segments The performance of various groups was discussed extensively
5. Change to Length of School Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rationale for the proposed change in the length of the school day with a finish at 5pm on all days (vs Wednesday & Friday currently) was discussed at length; the change also entails various amendments to the structure of the day to increase access to enrichment activities for all pupils and improve the focus of prep & support sessions The proposal was approved by the Committee, subject to board approval
6. DfE Monitoring Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair offered his congratulations on the very positive inspection report recently received from the Department for

	Education
7. 6 th Form Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Clemson presented the 6th Form proposal to the Committee with a planned opening date for 30-50 students in September 2016 • It was approved to submit the proposal to the full board for further review
8. Curriculum Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Clemson informed the Committee that all staff had been observed, had appraisal targets set and training needs identified. The teacher dashboard draws together all the evidence for appraisals that a line manager undertakes. This is now extended by a RAG rating which is not currently shared with teachers. • Areas for improvement are focused on marking and adjusting lessons where pupils do not fully understand the subject matter first time. Observations have led to the pairing of teachers to share good practice and attendance at external courses.
9. SEN Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received an update an update from Ms Voice • Changes in pastoral support (using Place2Be) had been very successful • The website has been updated with HNS' SEN offer
10. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee agreed that it would be helpful to have a custom group in the Arbor system to demonstrate the impact of the music focus
11. Next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th February 2015