



MAC newsletter



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Introducing your MACs

Welcome to the very first MAC Newsletter!

Community, staff and parent representatives are Members of the Academy Council (MACs). Parent MACs are there to represent your views and to listen to you. We'd welcome positive stories to share with the academy council as well as any improvements you would like to suggest. At least once a term we have an Academy Council meeting to discuss the performance of the school with the Head of School and Co-Executive Principal. Currently there are 10 members of the Academy Council: 4 parent MACs, 4 community MACs and 2 staff MACs. MACs have a specific area of responsibility and visit the school often. Details about our MACs can be found on the school's website <http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/our-schools/whitehorse-manor-junior-school/members-of-the-academy-council>.

Academy Council meetings

The Academy Council meets between 4 and 5 times per academic year. The focus of meetings is on the performance of the school. This ensures that DfE expectations for what MACs (governors) should know about the school are met. Minutes from the meetings are published on the school website soon afterwards and can be found here: <http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/our-schools/directors-of-the-trust> Future meetings will take place on 7th March, 3rd May and 12th July 2016.



Some community and parent MACs' responsibilities are detailed below:

Community members

Richard Hill – I am chair of the Academy Council. I have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Council fulfils its role of ensuring that the school provides the best possible education for all our pupils and that they leave Whitehorse Manor Juniors 'secondary ready' and 'on track' to achieve 5 good GCSEs.

David Wood – I am responsible for the performance management of senior leaders in the school to ensure that they are meeting targets for the benefit of all pupils at Whitehorse Manor Juniors.

Parent members

Audra Grey-Areben – I am the vice-chair of the Academy Council, so I will deputise for Richard Hill when necessary. I am also responsible for safeguarding, SEN and inclusion. This means I am an advocate for pupils and support the school in these areas.

Sophia Panchoo-Cohen – I am responsible for analysing the data produced by the school and how the school acts upon this. I also look at how the school spends its PE funding.

Susannah Arthur – I am responsible for looking at how the school spends its pupil premium funding on those pupils who need it the most.

Nicole Malabre – I am responsible for raising the profile of parent MACs throughout the school. This has resulted in the introduction of this first MAC newsletter. I'm happy to hear any ideas you have to raise our visibility further and messages can be left for me and all MACs with the school office.

Don't forget!

- Parents evening is on 8th and 9th of March and parent MACs will be available on the day for you to meet.
- Fill in the parents' questionnaire - your views are important!

Please feel free to share any suggestions with us.