



MAC newsletter



November 2016

Welcome message

Welcome to a new school year and especially to all parents of children who are new to the school. Even though the term has just begun, we'd welcome any positive stories you'd like to share with the Academy Council as well as any suggestions for improvements that we could make. We hope that Year 6 parents made it to the workshops to explain the new expectations for the end of key stage tests in May 2017. These workshops were important as they helped explain what will be expected of children in the tests so that children are 'secondary ready'. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like further information. We are also looking forward to presenting a workshop on applying to secondary schools for parents in Years 4 and 5 in the new year, and hope you can make it. Thank you to all who attended parents' evening; there was a good turnout.

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 in 2017 will take place on 15 March, 25 April and 11 July.



Updated MAC responsibilities

Some community and parent MACs' responsibilities have changed since the beginning of the year. Below are their updated details:

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.. I am also responsible for looking at safeguarding within the school and monitoring the website.

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.

Sophia Panchoo-Cohen – I am responsible for looking at how the school spends its PE funding.

Parent members:

Audra Grey-Areben – I am the vice-chair of the Academy Council, so I deputise for Richard Hill when necessary. I am also responsible for safeguarding, SEN and inclusion. This means I work with and support the appropriate staff to ensure that the school has the necessary policies in place and that they are being followed.

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 the 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.

We are also in the process of recruiting a parent MAC from the Brigstock site to join our Academy Council.

Don't forget!

- To attend the Christmas performances starting on 5th December and Crafts and Carols on 20th December 2016.
- Last day of term for Christmas break is on Wednesday 21 December 2016.
- To look out for our forthcoming MAC session on preparing applications for secondary schools (early 2017).