



Academy Council Newsletter - Summer 2024

Hello from your Western House Academy Council!

We can't believe how quickly this school year has gone, there are less than seven weeks left until staff and pupils break for the summer and look forward to a new school year in September.

Several of our governors recently supported the school during SATs week and we were all very impressed with the level of organisation, commitment and efficiency staff and pupils showed during what was without a doubt, a stressful time. A huge well done to all.

Since the publishing of our last newsletter at the end of February, the Academy Council has met once to discuss and review Western House Academy matters. Individually, governors have also been into the school on Link visits which continue throughout the school year.

While the content of our meetings must remain confidential, recent key topics of discussion were:

- Attendance
- Support for SEND pupils and staff including adequate budget and resources available
- Health & Safety
- How we can continue to support WHA save and raise vital funds for the school.

In our most recent meeting we also discussed:

- School trips
- Census day
- Hot school lunch menu
- Reading and writing across all years





The Academy Council is next scheduled to meet in **July**, which will be our last of this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Carter (Chair), Liz Herod, Eleni Maistraki-Kelly, Ecaterina Caldari, Sukh Chatha-Johal, Helen Haines, Hazel Ryder and Claire Pearce

Encouraging Reading at Home

Learning to read is one of the most important **life skills** our young people can learn at school, and something we fully support.

Access to books can sometimes be an issue, but it doesn't have to be expensive.

Registering at your local library is free, and charity shops can be a great place to find a variety of children's books sometimes for as little as 10p. This is in addition to the reading book each pupil brings home each week from school.



Parent Governors

Sukh Chatha-Johal, Ecaterina Caldari, and Claire Pearce

We encourage anyone to reach out to us to ask questions and/or present anything that can be discussed in meetings. Find us in the playground, and/or contact by email.

