



## Academy Council Newsletter - Summer 2025

### Hello from your Western House Academy Council!

As we wrap up another academic year at Western House Academy, we wanted to provide an update on what has been discussed during the Academy Council (AC) meetings since last September.

As governors, our specific areas of focus (link roles) for this past year have been: safeguarding, oracy, the Kapow curriculum, finance, SEND, accreditations and health & safety. This might not mean a lot on paper, but through our respective roles, we have overseen most aspects of the school and the overall safety of children among other things.

Over the past few months, the AC have met four times, including a full day in school, in addition to carrying out our respective link visits, and presence at other events, including Diversity Day, sports days, and the recent 'Celebration Saturday' that took place last month at our school and was a wonderful way to celebrate 15 years of the Park Federation.

We also invigilate SATs and we were delighted to hear the fantastic results. Well done to Year 6!

### **360 Online Safety Mark**

For those that are unaware, Western House Academy has been awarded the 360 Online Safety Mark, a significant achievement that recognises the whole-school commitment to safeguarding in the digital world. This milestone is a result of strong, consistent practice across the curriculum, staff training, pupil engagement, and parent involvement. A special thank you to Miss Poynter, whose leadership in this area has been outstanding. This success reflects a culture of safeguarding that fully integrates online and offline wellbeing into daily practice.





We have also commended the school on their #WakeupWednesday posts, and we encourage all parents to engage with these weekly communications from the school.

As ever, thank you all so much for continuing to engage in and support the school in all the ways that you do. We also hope that this newsletter gives you confidence that your governing body is always listening and working hard to ensure Western House Academy remains the school of choice not just in Slough, but for you and your children.

Have a lovely summer break.

Yours sincerely,

*Simon Carter (Chair), Liz Herod, Ecaterina Caldari,*

*Sukh Chatha-Johal, Helen Haines, Hazel Ryder and Claire Pearce*



### 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.

