

MINUTES
of the general meeting of the Local Governing Body
of Newton Abbot College
held on Thursday 16 September 2025 at 5 pm at Newton Abbot College

Present:		
Name	Title/Role	Initials
Simon Shadbolt	Chair - Policy and IET Issues	SSh
Charlotte Tonge	Staff Governor – (Teaching) - Curriculum, Delivery, DS and ex curriculum activities	CTO
Russell Satterley	Co-opted Governor - Safeguarding,	RS
In Attendance:		
Monica Salvioni Reeder	LGO	LGO
Gaby Willis	Trust Governance officer	TGO
Zahra Bhiwandiwalla	Deputy Headteacher	ZBH
Apologies:	Title/Role	Initials
Louise Williams	Parent Governor - Careers, Behaviour and Attendance	LW
Tom Mooney	Co-opted Governor - Careers, Curriculum, Delivery, DS and ex Curriculum activities	TM
Amy Grashoff	Head Teacher (Ex-Officio)	AGA
Absent:	Title/Role	Initials
Gregg Murray	Co-opted Governor - Management, SIP, finance and data	GM

Key to acronyms

LGB	Local Governing Body	SEND	Special Education Needs and Disabilities
NAC	Newton Abbot College	RAG	Red Amber Green progress indicator
LGO	Local Governance Officer	SENDCo	Special Education Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator
TGO	Trust Governance Officer	EDE	Executive Director of Education
EBacc	English Bachalaureat	SX	Starcross Primary School
SATs	Standard Assessment Tests	PSHE	Personal, Social, Health and Economic
		SIP	School Improvement Plan

25/1/1.	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	
	The Chair welcomed all present and introduced Monica Salvioni Reeder, new LGO, to the LGB. Apologies: LW – TM – AGA Absent: GM Meeting was not quorate and decided to continue for information sharing only,	
25/1/2.	Curriculum Presentations	
25/1/2.1	None for this meeting	
25/1/2.2	Agree curriculum presentations for the next meeting: Science and Product Design Action: CTO to liaise with AGA to invite Sam Malone (Science) and Alison Calder (Product and Design)	CTO CTO/AGA
25/1/3.	Housekeeping	
25/1/3.1	Declarations of Interest: None declared.	
25/1/3.2	Appointment of Chair – discussion: Nominations were invited, one nomination received for RS at the meeting and RS' appointment as Chair will be recommended to the Trust Board for their meeting on 14 th October. Action: LGO to advise TGO and request added to next Board agenda.	LGO
25/1/3.3	Appointment of Vice-Chair – discussion: The Vice-Chair nominations will be invited for the November meeting. Action: CTO volunteered to send staff a communication to all non-teaching staff to raise awareness of the governor vacancy and advise the LGO/TGO.	CTO
25/1/3.4	Acknowledge resignation of co-opted governor/SEND link Sarah Kuhl: The LGB acknowledged Sarah Kuhl's resignation. Action: LGO to advise TGO and request added to next Board agenda.	LGO
25/1/3.5	Agree governor link roles: There is need to appoint a SEND link following the resignation of Sarah Kuhl. TGO suggested that a governor could change their link to SEND or to split the links amongst the current governors.	

	<p>It was suggested that GM be approached to consider taking on the SEND link as finance and management is no longer a required link.</p> <p>Action: Chair to send a note to GM asking if he will consider the SEND link role.</p> <p>Action: LGO to liaise with GW with regard to recruitment.</p>	<p>SSH LGO</p>
25/1/3.6	Appoint Pay Progression Committee: Pay Progression Committee to be agreed if required for threshold applications.	
25/1/3.7	<p>KCSiE Part 1 – Sept 2025:</p> <p>Action: LGO to forward the KCSiE Part 1 – Sept 2025 link to the non-staff governors.</p>	LGO
25/1/3.8	Governor Code of Conduct forms to be signed for this year: Need to be signed for this academic year.	LGO
25/1/4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
25/1/4.1	Matters Arising from meeting held on 17 July 2025: None for this meeting	
25/1/4.2	<p>Agree the minutes as a true and accurate record: No queries raised c/f to next meeting as not quorate.</p> <p>Action: LGO to ensure minutes of the meeting held on July 17 2025 are on the next meeting's agenda.</p>	LGO
25/1/5.	Chair's Report to include IET:	
25/1/5.1	Relevant documents are on GovernorHub. Comms sheet IET to be circulated	
25/1/6	Headteacher's Update	
25/1/6.1	<p>AGA sent her apologies and ZBH attended on her behalf.</p> <p>Data from summer exam results:</p> <p>Ahead of the meeting, a report was shared with the governors for KS4 and KS5 Level 3 together with value added data.</p> <p>A reduced gap for the 3rd year with a progress at around 0.5 was reported which is promising. The improvement is in line with the wider cohort. There is a high number of SEN K students.</p> <p>Q: Are there less PP students?</p> <p>PP students are a bit less but they are continuing to close the gap.</p> <p>It was anticipated last year that the SEND gap would take a bit longer to close.</p> <p>Q: Was it a difficult year to get through?</p> <p>Yes, this year was not the most academic year, so NAC did quite a good job. Obviously, there is always room for improvement.</p> <p>Q: And across the Trust, do you know how NAC compares?</p> <p>NAC did better than Dawlish and is on par with Teignmouth.</p> <p>NAC did not have SATS results at the beginning due to the pandemic and this has made a true comparison difficult, but it is heading in the right direction as the PP gap is closing, even if there is some variation.</p> <p>SEND students are also closing the gap. With regard to PP, certain interventions were possible in the classroom that had a quick impact in a year group whereas with SEND the school is dealing with different issues and that takes a little bit longer to come through.</p> <p>Q: Could you explain the 3 up arrows on the KS4 Headline Comparison?</p> <p>NAC has strongly encouraged the EBacc entry, and will do so this year. This figure will continue to rise, and results will be monitored.</p> <p>There was a discussion with regard to modern languages and consideration is being given to making languages compulsory. It was noted that this is often a question asked by parents on school tours.</p> <p>Q: What is the next step?</p> <p>A Senior Leadership meeting took place before the LGB meeting and Governors were advised that a meeting between Harriet Buchanan (Data Manager), ZBH and AGA will be held to increase CPD for HoDs in data analysis and knowledge of the data. A curriculum review will then follow.</p> <p>Q: So when will that process go through, in November?</p> <p>All the meetings will happen in the next couple of weeks. The HoDs have two weeks to pull the data. Then NAC will make the necessary changes. Triangulating data with what is going on in the classrooms and curriculum.</p> <p>Action: AGA to invite the Data Manager HB to come to next meeting and report</p> <p>With regard to 6th form, NAC have been able to hold an average C (it was a C- previously) and a shift in the value added was highlighted.</p> <p>Q: Now that the results have gone out, has the number of 6th formers gone up or has there been no change?</p> <p>The aim was 78 students and NAC's intake was 68; however, in the last week 7 have been accepted back from Exeter College and CTO has meetings booked this week, which will</p>	AGA

	increase the total number to over 80. This number is supplemented by 25 international students, taking the Year 12 cohort to 100. The foundation course has been beneficial. PE continues to be a very strong department. HoDs will be asked to reach out to PE to see what they can learn from them. English results strengthened, as expected; maths was behind which was also expected.	
25/1/6.2	Finance update: None for this meeting. Carried forward to next meeting when the new process for remote governor finance briefing begins.	
25/1/7.	Link Reports	
25/1/7.1	None for this meeting. The Chair reiterated the importance of link visits and engagement in submitting monitoring reports from link governors this year.	
25/1/8.	Policies and Procedures	
25/1/8.1	Behaviour inc Anti-Bullying (TPS): signed and updated for this academic year Action: Yellow highlighting to be removed and document uploaded to school website without delay.	LGO
25/1/8.2	SEND Policy: signed and updated for this academic year Action: LGO to upload to school website without delay	LGO
25/1/8.3	SEND Information Report: signed and updated for this academic year. Action: LGO to upload to school website without delay	LGO
25/1/9.	Training and Visits	
25/1/9.1	Governor Training Action: TGO to send a link to the Prevent Refresher to the LGO Action: LGO to upload Certificates on GovernorHub.	TGO LGO
25/1/9.2	Visits outside of link roles: None to report for this meeting	
25/1/10.	Dates of meetings	
25/1/10.1	Dates of meetings 2025-2026: Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 5pm Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 5pm Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 5pm Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 5pm	All to note and diarise
	The meeting was closed at 5.40pm	