

		where significant and lengthy prose is being produced. Staff are increasing their professionalism. We are involved in unique academic research with Exeter College [TEDXGTS]. Many thanks to John for taking the time to go through this with Governors.	T
2013-14/ GOV/14	Apologies	Apologies were received from LB, MG, MP and TW; these were sanctioned.	I D
2013-14/ GOV/15	Conflicts of Interest	None declared.	I
2013-14/ GOV/16	Governor Matters	RE reported no nominations had been received for prospective Parent Governors for the latest vacancy when nominations closed on 3 rd December. Please let MB know if you know of a parent we might consider approaching, once we have the skills audit returns we may be seeking someone with specific skills but commitment is equally important. MB referred to the Governor Skills Audit and requested that each governor complete and return the new format document. A copy was attached to the agenda. Succession Planning MB is seeking a nominee to take over as Chair next year; are you willing to be considered? Do you wish to nominate a Governor? Please let MB know your thoughts on this. MB referred to the NGA quiz he had sent in advance of the meeting. MB reported that at the recent Members meeting, Members had reappointed DC and MB who had each agreed to serve as Member Appointed Governors for one more year.	I All All All I I
2013-14/ GOV/17	Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2013 were agreed as a true record.	D
2013-14/ GOV/18	Matters Arising not on the Agenda	None.	I
2013-14/ GOV/19	Minutes of Committee Meetings	Teaching and Learning; all governors are welcome to visit the new initiatives that take place on the last period on Thursdays and/or arrange with Gill Clayton to view recording(s) of her lesson(s) using the iRIS system. Personnel. RE will make a spelling correction to a name and resend these minutes. MB reported that a member of staff who had been suspended during an investigation process now needed governing body approval for the suspension to be lifted following a recent hearing. This was agreed. It was noted that the proposal to establish a temporary post as leader of the Year 8 curriculum had been forwarded to and approved by the Finance Committee. Premises. DC answered questions raised from the draft minutes; it is hoped that we can gain 10 KW of energy producing panels. JS apologised and left at 5.35 pm. Finance Committee approved the temporary change recommended by Personnel Committee.	I RE D I I I I
2013-14/	Term Dates	TRA had sent in advance dates for approval for the 2014-15	I

GOV/20	2014-15	academic year; the main change is the movement of a training day from September to later in the year due to the way this calendar falls at the commencement of the Autumn term. Approved.	D
2013-14/ GOV/21	Improvement Plan Review	TRA displayed the RAG'd Plan on the screen explaining each section in detail and answering questions as they were raised. It was confirmed that green will only be applied where the item is completed; amber shows the matter is on-going and where red there has either been slippage or the item has failed to happen. Copies will be sent to governors via the Clerk after this meeting as well as notes on each item taken during this meeting.	I TRA RE
2013-14/ GOV/22	Policies for Adoption	The Finance Policy as recommended by Finance Committee was approved for adoption.	D
2013-14/ GOV/23	Governor Training	PV and LB had attended Babcock training events. TRA referred to an article relating to recent Ofsted reports and the amount of challenge governors have to demonstrate. Please send to the Clerk certificates from any GEL courses completed.	I I I
2013-14/ GOV/24	Learning Community	Documents on the plans made by the Learning Community had been sent out with the agenda; there were no further questions on these documents. Funding has been agree for a further year.	I
2013-14/ GOV/25	Diary dates	The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 18th December in St Michael's Church, starting at 19.30. Please attend if you can to support the event.	I
2013-14/ GOV/26	Items Brought Forward Through the Chairman	PGT gave her apologies for the 10 th February meeting when she will be overseas.	I
2013-14/ GOV/27	Dates & Times of Meetings	2014 Curriculum , Meeting Room 1, Monday 27 th Jan at 5.00 pm Personnel , HT's Office, Tuesday 27 th January at 5.00 pm Premises/Finance , HT's Office, Monday 3 rd Feb. at 5.00pm Full Governors' Meeting , L5, Monday 10 th February at 5.00pm, preceded by a presentation at 4.30pm.	I

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.