

CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 28th November 2007

Curriculum, Quality & Standards

- The Board considered the Self Assessment Report and the Quality Improvement Plan for the Haywards Heath campus.
- It was noted that the trends of continuous improvement (particularly in terms of retention, achievement and value added) experienced during the last few years had begun to plateau out. This was not unusual after a period of continuous improvement but was not being treated with any complacency by staff at the campus.
- The Quality Improvement Plan for the Haywards Heath campus was discussed and the actions being taken to redress the plateauing of the improvement trends.
- A detailed explanation of Value Added and the ALIS scheme was provided to the Board. It was noted that whilst the campus had seen a slight decline in Value Added it was still significantly adding value.
- The Board considered the Self Assessment Report for the Burgess Hill campus and was advised that there were some significant strengths at the campus but also some areas for improvement. Both the strengths and the areas for improvements were outlined to the Board.
- The Vice-Chair provided an update on her recent Link Member visit. Visits by other Board members were at various stages of progress.

Risk Management

- The Health & Safety Report was noted.

Staff Matters

- Staff at the Haywards Heath campus were looking forward to the completion of Phases I and II of the new building.
- The Board was updated on the progress with the building and the phased move into the building.
- Publicity for the opening of the Building was discussed.

Student Matters

- Student involvement with Phase III of the project was considered.
- An update on recent student events and activities was provided.

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- The Board considered the information provided on University destinations. The difficulty in providing comprehensive and accurate information on those students not entering University was noted.

Community

- An update was provided on the College's work with the Mid Sussex Area Secondary Heads Group.
- The Board noted the progress of the new Vocational Diplomas.
- An update on the two recent Open Evenings at the Haywards Heath campus was provided. The Board was pleased to hear these had proved successful with an increase in attendees on last year.

Strategy

- An update on Phase III of the building project was provided.
- The Board considered the impact of the building works undertaken on local residents and the procedure for dealing with residents complaints.

Any Other Business

- The Board was advised that a DVD prepared by the students on the Princess Royal Hospital had been shown on a recent TV programme. The Board asked to be kept informed of any other similar student projects.
- The issue of ensuring the involvement of Burgess Hill as a town was discussed, particularly in the light of the proposals for the town's redevelopment. The importance of obtaining views from young people on these proposals was highlighted.