



## AIB 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 Meeting

Our second AIB meeting of the academic year was to reflect on early progress being secured against the Academy's strategic plan. We confirmed the decision to return to a two-year key stage 4 (Years 10 and 11; Year 9 will form the final year of Key Stage 3) programme and were pleased to hear implementation arrangements have been well planned to ensure staff, students and parents/ carers have sufficient time to enable an effective transfer.

The Post 16 changes across TENC are also moving at pace and students from both Huxlow and Rushden can continue to look forward to a broad and balanced Post 16 curriculum offer moving forwards. Colleagues from both schools are working collaboratively on the proposed future curriculum provision and students who achieve the entrance criteria can be assured of a quality Post 16 programme of study.

We received input from the Head of Science outlining future developments, including curriculum developments in relation to double award and triple science. Further information was provided to explain future changes to the exam specifications used and how these will benefit all students.

We also received curriculum papers from English and History, and we look forward to meeting the leaders of these subject areas to discuss developments at future meetings.

We were heartened to hear the positivity from staff about the TOVE training day where teaching colleagues had an opportunity to work collaboratively with teaching colleagues from Rushden and all support staff were able to meet and share training with colleagues from across TOVE. Governors look forward to these professional relationships developing further in the future as they can only bring huge benefit to the students.

Feedback from the leaders of behaviour, pastoral and wellbeing provision was received and governors acknowledged the challenge that a small minority of students are continuing to give academy leaders through persistent non-compliance with the reasonable expectations set. Robust plans are in place to support these students and, where appropriate, their families to bring about the improvements that are required. We will receive updates about the progress through these plans at the next meeting.

Best wishes  
Linda Brooks, Chair of Huxlow Academy AIB