

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

On behalf of all the Governing Body, welcome to Torpoint Community College. Here at Torpoint Community College; governors, staff, parents and students work together to build on success, in an atmosphere of care and support where everyone feels valued.

We are all very proud of the high standards our students achieve across all aspects of the curriculum, a multidisciplinary approach by the dedicated staff ensures your young people's ambitions are met and often exceeded.

As Governors we become involved with a variety of issues including finance, student welfare, public relations, building/grounds maintenance and staff appointments. However, without a doubt, we consider that our most important role is to monitor the welfare and education of the students. With this in mind there is an increasing focus on colleges playing their part in promoting Fundamental British values and preventing Radicalisation.

As a Full Governing Body we meet at least once per term and the two subcommittees also meet once per term.

### **Curriculum and Standards sub committee.**

This committee focuses on the standards of teaching and learning and student progress.

### **Human Resources and Finance sub committee.**

This committee focuses on staffing levels across all areas whilst balancing the budget. This committee also monitors the physical structure of the College including H&S.

Governors are appointed from relevant stake holders within the College community and may be from either the parent or staff fraternity, alternatively may be appointed by the local authority or the community or may be co-opted. All governors are charged by the DfE with three core strategic functions.

- **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**

This we do by working with the College leadership team to develop a mid to long term improvement plan which is both visionary and realistic and that encompasses the college ethos, ensuring our visions and values are suitable to prepare our students for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- **Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;**

This we do by tracking the performance of ALL groups of students and ensuring that each student is treated as an individual receiving an enriched

education suitable to their needs and ensuring all are challenged to achieve their full potential.

- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

This we do by regularly meeting with College staff to ensure that best value for money is always sought and the planned budget is spent on projects that support the College's strategic direction and will improve our young people's life chances whilst ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all.

We are justifiably proud of all of the students in our College. In addition, this is an opportunity for me to thank all the parents and carers who encourage and support their young people so admirably. In a good College, such as ours, parents take a great interest in their students' learning. The strong partnership, which already exists between College and community, underpins the ethos, which is so characteristic of Torpoint Community College.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Parton', written in a cursive style.

Colin Parton  
Chair of Governors