

**SAMUEL WHITBREAD ACADEMY (SWA) – GOVERNING BODY MEETING – PUBLISHED MINUTES - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed the running order for the agenda. She advised Governor (LB) had just resigned from the Governing Board. Attending the meeting in addition to the governors were Clerk (JW), Principal (NM), Assistant Principal (LH), Assistant Principal (AO) and SENDCO (JS).</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> – One Governor sent apologies in advance. Apologies received were accepted.  <u>Declarations of Interest</u> - There were no declarations of interest relating to the agenda.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE - Data – Standards KS5</b></p> <p>The Assistant Principal (LH) highlighted the KS5 headline data from his report. He stated in the Post 16 National results for 2025 SWA is the top state school on the Bedfordshire league table with the highest average point score. He confirmed there was currently an unprecedented number of applicants for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in 2026. He answered questions on Sixth Form applications.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>PUPIL PREMIUM</b></p> <p>The Principal advised the Pupil Premium mock data is currently being analysed so Assistant Principal (RG) will update on this at the next meeting.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>SEN</b></p> <p>The SENDCO (JS) discussed the plan included in her report and updated on student progress. She confirmed the new SEND Administrator was starting next term. She answered questions on the SEND White Paper, access arrangements, attendance and reading interventions.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>GOVERNOR LINK FEEDBACK FROM VISITS</b></p> <p>The Chair asked Governors about their visit reports.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>GOVERNOR TRAINING</b></p> <p>The Chair discussed governor training available. She discussed the governor training available via the NGA Learning Link. She confirmed the Trust is currently running online governor training sessions. The Chair discussed the governor mentor scheme available via the Trust.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>SCHOOL CALENDAR</b></p> <p>The Principal discussed the upcoming Arts events including the BEST Summer Arts Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> June and the summer musical production on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July from 7pm. Governors will confirm if they would like to attend. The Principal discussed the Open Evenings and Annual Awards Evenings in the autumn term for governors to attend.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>PRINCIPALS REPORT</b></p>

	<p>The Principal gave an update highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Ofsted criteria</li> <li>• AI - discussed parent and staff working party.</li> <li>• Student survey results.</li> </ul> <p>Governors asked questions about new inspection framework, personal development and application numbers.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>POLICIES</b></p> <p>Governors discussed the policy changes and agreed they were happy to adopt the Professional Development Policy, Accessibility Plan, Looked after and previously looked after children Policy, Supporting students with medical needs Policy, Homework and Independent Learning Policy and Examinations Conflict of Interest Policy at the meeting.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>BEHAVIOUR</b></p> <p>The Assistant Principal (AO) tabled an update on behaviour and exclusions. He discussed the current push on uniform standards. He answered questions on behaviour logs, praise points and student transition times.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>Governors confirmed they had read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes from the LGB meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were agreed.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The Principal updated on the netball national final and upcoming football national final. Governors discussed issues with the new housing site opposite the school entrance and concerns around this.</p>
	<p><b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b></p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7pm. Virtual Meeting.</p>