

Hi Gareth and Di

I just wanted to let you know that I found today very productive. I worked with several staff across the school, was made to feel extremely welcome and got the opportunity to engage with a number of pupils and sample the lovely lunch, raw honey and end of term Residential House BBQ.

Today we have achieved:

A substantial amount of preparation and production of the Hampshire Safeguarding Audit Tool report ready for September. There are actions for Barry and Shannon to complete however some of these are based on the release of the KCSIE document due early September. In principle I have no concerns that we cannot meet this deadline, we have a realistic action plan and any gaps will be covered when named staff with responsibility are confirmed.

The Annual health and safety audit was also completed, again no concerns but many nice to have's if we had the cap ex available. Barry has any pressing H&S issues covered with mandatory compliance e.g. PAT testing, legionella and potential trip hazards that are all being reviewed along with all major concerns from last year being covered off - such as the remarked carpark. There is only one suggestion I would make but I suspect it will need County to be involved and that is how to secure the site more without becoming a secure provision. This would involve higher none climb fencing around the whole perimeter, a huge expense and when discussing the risk assessment if pupils abscond there are very few who actually achieve going missing without being found.

Finally the last Residential Monitoring report of the year, so many milestones and achievements with special recognition to Linda Howard stepping in to ensure the residential provision continues to run smoothly in Dan's absence (however it was very nice to see him on his short visit to the school tonight for the end of year BBQ) the staff in this area are completely pupil centred and ensure high quality care is provided and carry's on regardless.

I could go on and on about the brilliant things and experience I have had today.

Gareth/Barry could you please pass on my thanks to all. One thing that was especially nice was when I waiting in Reception this morning, the Reception staff accepted a delivery, so graciously, of home made cakes from someone who obviously thought very highly of the staff at the school and wanted to show their gratitude. Said cake had been completely devoured with only crumbs remaining in the foil when I went into the staff room at lunch time!

Wishing you all a well deserved summer break.

Regards

Kirsty

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