

Governor's learning walk

Plan	
Name and role of governor	Marie Foley, Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee/Vice Chair and Carolyn Crosland LA Governor.
Name and role of staff member(s)	Cat Rowbottom
Date and time of visit	Tuesday 30 June 2026 1pm to 1.50pm
Agreed focus <i>Make sure you focus on this agreed reason for the visit. Avoid getting distracted by other issues that haven't been agreed with the member of staff.</i>	• Seeing how the PPG was utilised to help disadvantaged and disenfranchised children. • Meet with students from KS3 and 4 including LAC and EAL students • Discussion with Cat on strategies to help improve the outcomes for students
Relevant school objective or priority <i>This might be taken from the school improvement plan (SIP) objectives or the school's overarching vision.</i>	Closing the Gap
Learning Walk Findings We met with four young people and they told us about their experience at Turton. The students attended the Hub, which is run by a Year 6 teacher who helps students with their Maths and English skills to try and improve their progress, by being in a smaller group and going at a slower pace. The students were very positive about the effect both the Hub and Aim Higher Groups had on both their progress and friendship circles. They particularly found the emphasis on revision prior to exams beneficial. One student told us that Turton was a great school and that we should tell people to send their children here as they would love it! One child said that because of the extra support he received he had learnt to make the 'right choices', to prevent him getting into trouble. Cat explained how the Hub is described as year 6 1/2 and is staffed by a teacher with KS2 experience. By the end of year 7 children are ready to join year 8. One young person told us how he has progressed so far that he will be in set 3 for English next year. We met with a young person who had very little English when he commenced at Turton and how he had found conversation club beneficial in building his language skills and also making friends.	
Summary Cat explained how all the departments within Turton that worked with the disenfranchised,	

through PPG funding, worked together and had a joined up approach to supporting students. Cat informed us that Warburton's no longer sponsored the Breakfast Club, as the number of Free School Meals had dipped below the 30% needed for their involvement.

When asked about areas of concern, where support needed to be prioritised, Cat said there was an emphasis on Maths and revision techniques.

Thanks to Cat Rowbottom for a well structured and informative meeting.