

## **Newmarket Vision: Education Delivery Group**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Newmarket College**

### **Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:** Jane Fleet, Nancy Clack, Tabitha, Rob Wylie, Kevin Cannon, Neil Anthony, Robin Millar, Paul Reed, Sharon Fitzgerald, Gabrielle Bell, Roz Howling, Nikos Savvas, Rachel Wood, Howard Lay, Clair Harvey, Judith Mobbs, Suzanne,

**Apologies:** Lisa Chambers, Helen Neal, Catherina Scott-hart, David Hudson, Susie Norman

General discussion on how the group is progressing/delivering:

- Useful to come together and understand/join up what we are all doing
- Diversity of group is valuable in making us think differently about the challenge
- Its 'ok' for this group to be flexible-things change quickly and formal governance/structures don't always help that way of working
- Agree to focus the this groups efforts on connecting education with 1) Business 2) Young people 3) Families 4) Professionals
- **HL to consider asking Newmarket Schools to contribute a small amount of funds to be a central pot for this group's activities**
- Action plan to be refined/focused on 4 key areas as above with measurable outcomes

- Don't want to create extra work for anyone-important to make the connections with what is happening already. SF to feed back/into head teachers meetings, SC to feed into/from early years meetings, business reps to feed into/back from Chamber meetings etc.
- **CH to circulate membership list for this group (attached)**

### **Progress/update on action plan**

**School Governors:** SCC new Head of Governor services now in post. One of her first tasks will be to work with PR/RW on developing a pilot in Newmarket which looks at recruitment/skills/connecting different schools etc. Also link to associate business governor scheme working with Suffolk Chamber (tailored support for individual schools). RW/PR already taking some of this forward locally.

### **CH to pass PR/RW contact details onto new SCC Head of Governor Services & JM**

**Brokerage:** As part of Raising the Bar initiative, a brokerage pilot will be rolled out to other areas in the county in September-Newmarket is one of the areas. It will include both primary & secondary schools, linking them with local businesses.

**West Suffolk College:** Want to work with Newmarket 6<sup>th</sup> formers & the community to find a niche market-something that's not happening here at the moment but can be a unique area of excellence. Ambition to develop a 'mini zoo' which could provide education/skills/qualifications around small animal care/vetinary medicine which is currently not provided anywhere local.

**National Horse Racing Museum:** Lots of activity happening in the town. KS1 & 2 work with primary schools, host of activities working with secondary schools & international racing bureau on aspirations, extra-curricular clubs, work experience opportunities, arts for all project, developing a programme for adults & planning autumn lectures.

**Business Involvement:** Need to clarify what we need from Businesses to keep them engaged (their time is money). Mentoring, work experience placements, working with classes on specific projects/days, practical support. Need to understand the limitations/barriers for smaller businesses.

**HL to produce a 1 page summary of how/what businesses could help with**

**Barriers to learning:** RW taking forward English as a second Language (EAL) actions but needs funding. Also, ambition to do more work on dyslexia and familiarising teachers with 10 things children should know about Newmarket.

**CH to help sign post to possible funding opportunities**

**A movement for change:** Suggestion to hold a 1 day conference/event/consultation in July or September. Invite local children, parents, businesses, stakeholders and the wider community to tell us what they care about, what we need to do to improve the life chances of young people in the town and what they can do to take ownership/responsibility to help achieve that. What is education in Newmarket? What does it mean for young people, business, the community? Is there a possibility of piggy backing on the anniversary of the 'Lets Read' initiative with support from the local press to promote it- perhaps make Newmarket an international town for reading-capture a unique selling point. Event needs to be well promoted and interactive/interesting so people make the effort to have an input.

**Anyone interested in being part of organising this event please contact RM by 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> July 9-11am, Newmarket College**

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