

Thomas Telford School



Advisory Council Brief

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council provides advice, information and support for the Headmaster and Governors. This assistance enables the School to implement the stated School aims and objectives effectively.

What matters most at Thomas Telford School is the quality of education available to the young people it serves. It naturally follows, therefore, that all who are able to improve this, such as teachers, students, parents, industrialists and community personnel, should be afforded the opportunity to contribute in a coordinated and effectively managed way. The Advisory Council is one of the mechanisms in place which helps secure continued improvement.

Additionally, the opportunity of involving members of the School and the wider community fits well with the ethos of the School. We will continue to develop these partnerships.

Previously, the Advisory Council has helped in revising policies, eg Relationships and sex Education (RSE), Equal Opportunities, etc. The revision of the Parents' Charter is a key feature in ensuring the continuing effectiveness of the School and the Advisory Council is of considerable help in recommending improvements and monitoring its effectiveness.

The Advisory Council provides a forum for involving the wider community, therefore the Headmaster will, where necessary, coopt members of the local community to the Council to assist in its work.

AIMS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

- To advise the Governors, Headmaster and the School Management of ways in which the learning opportunities for the student can be enriched, ie.

Academic
Vocational
Personal
Social
Physical
etc.

- To advise the Headmaster or relevant Senior Manager on the development of contacts with the community.
- To advise the Headmaster or relevant Senior Manager on the community use of the premises.
- To organise events to raise funds for the purpose of extending the learning opportunities for students.
- To advise the School on the effectiveness of the Parents' Charter and recommend improvements where necessary.
- To bring to the attention of the Headmaster or relevant Senior Manager any concerns relevant to the development of the School or its students.
- To advise the Headmaster or relevant Senior Manager on policy formation and revision as is reasonably requested.

eg.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
Equal Opportunities
Behaviour Policy
etc.

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To develop community contacts:

- links with industry
- community groups and services
- senior citizens
- parents

To advise and assist on student activities:

- curriculum policies
- sports events
- social activities
- school visits

To advise on community use of premises:

- security
- sporting events
- drama
- costings

To organise social functions:

- parents social events
- students social activities

To monitor and continually improve the Parents' Charter:

- listen to parents views
- encourage parents to use the system in place
- raise issues for communication and improvement at the Council meetings

To help in the development and preparation of School policies

- give your views as a parent
- use your expertise to help the School

To advise on calendar events.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

