

## Report on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Island School Council meeting

### Exam and Higher Education results

The Council was pleased to note the good results for last year's graduating class:

- The IB and Applied Learning Pathway results showed excellent '[Value Added](#)'. That is, they were significantly better than projected based on these students GCSE results.
- 88% of student won places at their first choice university.
- IGCSE results were strong and some of the best in the last 5 years.

### The School Development Plan: [Click here](#)

New Assessment and Evidence System being rolled out for year 7 the BTEC courses in year 12. Other year groups will follow. Monitoring and improving the quality of teaching by teaming up teachers across departments for this is underway. All development is seen through the lenses of the impending relocation, the adoption of the MYP in lower school in two years' time, and the need to maintain the Island School Community.

### Relocating Island School while rebuilding takes place

As noted in June, the design of the new Borrett Road building and the premises the school will relocate to are virtually complete but Government approvals are pending so, while we expect the relocation to go ahead in Summer 2017 as planned, we cannot yet be certain of this.

### Recruitment of a new Island School Principal

Chris Binge, who has been an excellent Principal for the School for the last seven years reaches ESF's retirement age this year and will step down at the end of July 2017. This is a matter which is decided by the ESF Centre rather than School Council.

The School Council agreed the procedure for recruiting a new Principal. It is hoped that this will lead to three candidates being shortlisted to visit the school and meet teachers, parents and students in early January. The PTA will be informing parents once the details are known.

The members of the School Council who will be on the interview panel for selecting a new Principal are myself as School Chair, Lakshmi Jacoba (selected by the parent representatives on Council) and Andrea Walsh (selected by the teacher representatives on Council). Other members of the interview panel will be the ESF CEO, ESF Senior Education Officer, an ESF Board member and a Principal from another ESF secondary

Maintaining the school's ethos through the school's decant and return to Borrett Road will be a key task of the new Principal. We have agreed a statement on this ethos which can be found [here](#) will be linked to the advertised job description for the position.

**J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair**