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Report on the 16th September 2015 Island School Council meeting

2015 exam results and higher education destinations

Island school's Value Added scores were excellent at all three of its stages (Y7 t& Y8, Y9 to Y11, and Y12 & Y13). Measuring Value Added is important both for helping individual students and the school's mission of providing best course for each student regardless of the impact on the school's absolute results. More will be done to explain Value Added to parents.

The school's absolute results and the Higher Education destinations achieved by students were also excellent, and an improvement on last year in all areas. The school continues to analyze these results to look for areas of further improvement. Your Council is happy with action in hand on these.

Island School Development Plan 2015/18

In June I reported on the school's 2015/16 plan which guides action to improve the care and education it provides. This plan has now been finalized without substantive change.

The school has now presented its draft 2015/18 'three year' plan looking at longer term issues. One issue which your Council discussed at length was what long- term curriculum is best for Y9 to Y11 students. Traditionally they have taken GCSEs. In the last three years Island School has moved to students spending 2/3 of their time taking about eight GCSEs and 1/3 following the Island Futures curriculum which prepares them for taking the International Baccalaureate in Y12 and Y13. ESF as a whole is now considering its future use of GCSEs, whether to adopt this approach, change to the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. This is an important decision which the school will be discussing with its staff and parents. Any change is likely to be after 2020 for Island School and so is unlikely to affect students currently in the school.

School Council membership

In January 2016 both Susan Finder (Parent Representative) and Betty Tsu (Support Staff Representative) will complete the maximum six years' service on Council which our rules allow. We are most grateful for the help and continuity which they have provided. Elections for these posts will be held after half-term and I encourage Parents and Support Staff to stand.

J Robert Gibson; Island School Council Chair