

SCHOOL REVIEW REPORT

Review

Beacon Hill School

Sep 15 and 26, 2014

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL CONTEXT

Beacon Hill School is a 3-form entry school with a total student population of 540 students, located at Kowloon Tong. Beacon Hill follows the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) and is an authorised IB World School. Beacon Hill is also accredited with the Council of International Schools (CIS).

REVIEW FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

COMMENDATIONS

The review team commends Beacon Hill School on the following areas that were clearly evident in the majority of lessons observed and acknowledged through stakeholder forums and surveys.

Commendation 1

Teachers engage students in learning by creating a collaborative environment of mutual trust, respect and rapport that maximises learning.

Commendation 2

The school has a well-established and effective School-wide Assessment and tracking system, which is in use across the school.

Commendation 3

Communication between school and home is excellent.

Commendation 4

The school has a well-developed written curriculum that clearly articulates learning objectives and curriculum coverage.

Commendation 5

The school has developed a well-deserved reputation for providing an inclusive curriculum with particular respect to students with Special Educational Needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the findings of the review and on the basis of their experience and expertise, the Review Team concludes that the school's programmes would be even better if:

Recommendation 1

The School develop School-wide strategies that target the needs of students with particular gifts and talents.

Recommendation 2

The school revisits the current use of rotations, which is widespread across the school, and their current effectiveness in meeting the needs of individual students.

Recommendation 3

The School review the current Assessment Policy regarding reporting to parents particularly with regard to written reporting on English and Maths outcomes.

Recommendation 4

The School examine current pedagogical approaches and examine them in terms of levels of student engagement.

Overall

The Review Team would like to thank the staff, students and parents of Beacon Hill School for the professional and inclusive manner in which they fully participated in the review. It is clear from the open communication in the school community that Beacon Hill School is a school committed to self-improvement and in making what is clearly a good school even better.

The intentions of this report are to highlight those practices that need to be celebrated and shared along with those practices that need reviewing to ensure the best possible outcomes for the students of Beacon Hill School.