Functions of the College Visitor

March 2024

1. The Visitor will decide on the authoritative meaning of the Statutes, if asked by any of the following:

     a) the Principal,
     b) the Chair of the Trustee Board,
     c) at least five members of the Governing Body, or
     d) three members of the Trustee Board.

2. The Visitor will make sure that the College follows the rules laid out in the Charter and Statutes. The Visitor has the authority to take action based on their own assessment or in response to a complaint from the Vice Chancellor, or any of 1(a-d).

3. They may ask any member of the College questions, and require an answer, to ensure that the rules in the Charter and Statutes are being followed properly. If the Visitor finds any instance where these rules are not being followed, they can require the Trustee Board to take immediate steps to address the issue.

4. The Visitor can, upon request from any of 1(a-d), approve any action taken under these rules that might be invalid or uncertain due to mistakes, omissions, oversights, or other issues. However, this approval will only be granted if the Visitor considers these mistakes, omissions or oversights to have little effect on what is being approved.

5. If the Visitor believes that any decision of the Trustee Board, including any new or revised regulation, goes against the Charter or Statutes, they have the authority to require the Trustee Board to take immediate steps to address the issue.

6. The Visitor will adjudicate on appeals brought by the Principal or Chair of the Trustee Board, if they consider themselves injured by any act, omission or decision of the Governing Body or the Trustee Board, except in relation to disputes concerning the Principal's employment by the College which will be determined by Regulation XXX instead.

7. The Visitor may, if they find themselves to have a conflict of interests or to be compromised in some way, appoint a deputy to take on a visitorial task. The appointment is subject to approval by the Governing Body.