

**GFM Local Advisory Board Meeting
Term 2 2025-2026**

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 11th February 2026 – 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Location: GFM Conference Room
- Attendees: Mr. Akram, Ms. Mia, Mr. Kunal, Mr. Ian Plant, Ms. Saba, Ms. Fida, Ms. Marwa and Ms. Salwa and Student Representative
- Apologies: Ms. Mary and Dr. Mian

Key Discussion Points

Outstanding Actions from last meeting:

- Follow-up learning visits: Year 6 and Year 1 bilingual classes
- Review engagement in Islamic A and Arabic A
- Complete “Small Steps” audit and Arabic resource distribution
- TLAG meeting scheduled for Monday (awaiting confirmation from Ms Marwa and Ms Salwa)
- RLAG parent communication launch remains pending and requires wider promotion

Mindfulness vs Mastery Consultation

- LAB previously agreed to explore moving from “Mindfulness” to “Mastery” in line with *Growth, Flourish, Mastery*.
- A working party of staff, parents and students will be formed, including student leadership input, before any final decision.

Inspection Preparation

- KHDA inspections expected to resume next academic year, with strong focus on learning skills and Teaching and Learning which GFM is adapting through *Teach Like a Gem*.
- Proposal to develop a GFM glossary of key terms.
- Governors to receive a KHDA/SEF briefing at the next LAB meeting.

Academic & Curriculum Updates

- Year 9 to begin a soft transition into GCSE content in Term 3.
- Working party established to review the assessment model (DPR).
- NGRT results show strong progress in Year 2; Year 6 outcomes require further challenge.
- Secondary reading improvement through ReadWise to be reinforced with parents.

Inclusion & Student Voice

- Inclusion provision continues to strengthen, with greater student participation in leadership and school life.
 - A student representative structure will be developed to capture ongoing student voice.
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Operations & Policy

- Late gate introduced after 8:00am to address punctuality.
 - Attendance monitoring threshold raised (concern triggered below 94%).
 - Updated Vexatious Policy tabled for review and ratification within two weeks.
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Uniform School Bag Proposal

- Mandatory uniform school bag planned for next academic year.
 - Parent consultation to begin; final design decision required by April.
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Next Actions

- Finalise and publicise RLAG parent communication
- Establish working party for Mindfulness vs Mastery consultation
- Arrange inclusion parent forum with LAB representative
- Send NGRT practice materials ahead of April testing
- Share ReadWise guidance with secondary parents
- Rearrange Ms Marwa's visit to Islamic and Arabic lessons
- Review secondary NGRT outcomes with Lauren
- Issue parent letter regarding the late gate system
- Share Slices food service survey link with parents
- Begin consultation on uniform bag policy (decision by April)
- Circulate Vexatious Policy for feedback and publish once ratified
- LAB members to bring TLAG playbook to Monday's meeting
- Follow up with Ms Sarah and Sara regarding the Careers Talk (26 February)