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Annual Monitoring for Educational Oversight

Middlebury College UK Trust
Limited t/a M-CMRS

May 2026

Annual Monitoring: Desk-based analysis of Middlebury College UK Trust Limited t/a M-CMRS

Outcome

1. From the annual return and documentary evidence, the monitoring team concludes that Middlebury College UK Trust Limited (M-CMRS) is making commendable progress on the implementation of their action plan.

Monitoring summary

2. The recommendation in the most recent QAA review regarding the responsibilities of the Academic Board has now been fully addressed. The provider has revised the Board's terms of reference, clarifying its responsibilities, and has adopted the 2025 Annual Monitoring Report recommendation to use explicit agendas covering all areas of the Board's remit. As a result, all required actions have been completed.
3. Building on good practice identified by QAA, M-CMRS has further strengthened its commitment to student support. Pastoral wellbeing walks were introduced in autumn 2025, and mental health training is being extended to non-student facing staff in April 2026. The impact of these initiatives will be reviewed at the end of the academic year.
4. Access to high-quality learning resources has continued to expand. In January 2026, the librarian led a student visit to the Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities to support effective use of new facilities, with outcomes reviewed at a subsequent staff meeting.
5. Teaching has been enhanced through a restructured regular programme lecture series with a stronger focus on British life and culture. Planned in August 2025 and Implemented from September 2025, the changes have been positively received and will be formally evaluated by the Academic Board in summer 2026.
6. In response to the RSEO Monitoring Report, the Academic Board has revised its agenda to include standing items covering all responsibilities at every meeting. Implemented in July 2026, this approach aims to strengthen oversight and will be reviewed by the Board.
7. Organisational effectiveness has also been supported through the onboarding of a new Administrator from January 2026, with administrative processes being reviewed and streamlined during the probationary period. Progress will be assessed at probation review and at year end.

8. Academic workload has been reviewed, with tutorial coursework reduced from seven to six pieces to better align with Oxford University expectations. Approved in autumn 2025 and implemented in spring 2026, the impact will be evaluated in summer 2026. The Quality Assurance Policy Document was updated in April 2026 and will be presented for Academic Board approval in summer 2026.
9. Student engagement in quality assurance remains strong, supported by M-CMRS's small size and multiple formal and informal feedback channels. Student feedback is actively used to inform enhancement, and institutional practices continue to align with the UK Quality Code through regular review of quality assurance policy.

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