



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

8th March 2023

PARENT GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the start of the new half term we are now looking to recruit two new parent Governors to join our ambitious governing body. Do you want to make a real difference by helping our school to improve further?

If the answer to the above question is a resounding yes, this letter may well be of interest to you and we would like you to read on!

So how can you help?

School Governors are essential to guide and monitor the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team as well as developing the school for the benefit of the students and its community. Nominations are therefore invited to fill these vacancies. Should we receive more nominations than the available vacancies, an election will be held.

What does the role of Governor involve?

Governors have an important part to play in helping to maintain success and in raising school standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability, and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

Vacancies for Governors do not always arise every year and the Governing Body welcomes interest from suitably motivated and committed individuals who believe they could make a positive difference and add real value to the school's current well-being and future development.

Other than being at least 18 years of age, there are no particular qualifications or requirements, except that at the time of the election you must be a parent of or have parental responsibility for a current Queen's Park High School student.

We have, however, through our Annual Skills Audit, identified human resources, health and safety and financial management as particular areas of expertise in which we would like to strengthen the Governing Body within this election. Parents with skills and experience in these areas are particularly encouraged to apply. Most importantly, we are looking for individuals with commitment, vision and energy, who can add real value to the school and all its stakeholders.

The Governing Body at Queen's Park High School now has greater responsibilities than ever before; it needs people of talent who can commit the time, in order to fulfil the role to the required standard. A full induction, regular on-going training and even peer mentoring will be provided throughout the first year.

Members of the Governing Body are asked to attend four meetings per term – the Full Governing Body meeting alongside three committee meetings, Achievement & Curriculum, Resources and Pastoral. The meetings are usually held on weekdays and typically run between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

Subject to their work and other commitments, Governors may also participate in initiatives that link the skills and interests of individual Governors with specific curriculum areas or subjects. This may involve termly or more frequent meetings in school.

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From time to time, Governors may also be required to take part in interview panels for recruitment or disciplinary purposes. You will also be encouraged to regularly visit the School and to attend social events and some of the top quality musical and theatrical performances presented by the students, on a regular basis.

There is immense satisfaction to be gained from working alongside like-minded individuals on the Governing Body and influencing the future development and direction of our school. Want to know more or to simply discuss the job description for the role? If so, please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Ben McGrath, for more information or to simply arrange to meet for an informal chat via b.mcgrath@gphs.co.uk

You can find more general information about the role of School Governor at <http://www.nga.org.uk/About-Us/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

Interested?

Nominations are invited not later than 12:00 on Wednesday 29th March 2023. Forms can be downloaded from the Governors' Section of the school website or are available from Reception. All forms should be returned to the Clerk to the Governors (FAO D Helsby) via Reception.

Should we receive more nominations than the available vacancies, an election will be held. In this instance, the Election will be conducted electronically online. An email containing the link to the electronic ballot paper will be sent directly to you. Those for whom we do not hold current email addresses can request a hard copy ballot form to vote.

Yours sincerely



Tom Kearns
Headteacher and Returning Officer

ELECTION TIMETABLE

Nominations close	12:00	Wednesday 29 th March
If no ballots required, results published on website	11:00	Thursday 30 th March
If ballots required, ballot papers will issued by		Friday 31 st March
Ballots will close	12:00	Wednesday 12 th April
Count	11:00	Thursday 13 th April
Result published on website	ASAP	After 13 th April (School holidays may cause delay)
Elected Governors training & induction		Arranged on election close
Elected Governors attend first meeting		9 th June (Resource) or 15 th June (Educational Standards)