



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Governor/Trustee Vacancy - Opportunity to help our school community

Dear Parents/Carers,

The governors of the school (also known as the Trustees) are keen to recruit new governors to join our existing team as Community Governors. Community Governors are co-opted onto the Governing Body because they can bring particular expertise or experience. Current parents/carers are eligible, as are any other members of the local community.

Becoming a governor is a great opportunity to help shape and uphold the strategic vision of our school and to offer support. As Headteacher and Chair of Governors we greatly value the work that our Governors do in supporting the school's development. The role is voluntary and does require a commitment of time. It is also highly rewarding both in terms of the opportunity it provides for gaining personal development and an insight into the education system, as well as giving individuals the chance to contribute to the school community. Training is provided by the local authority.

We are particularly interested in recruiting governors onto the team who have experience in the field of finance, accountancy or law. However, other areas of experience are also welcome and the most important quality is that you are committed to supporting the development of the school in the interests of the whole school community.

We are also aware that our current group of governors do not fully reflect the diverse make-up of our pupil population in terms of their background and heritage. We recognise that bringing different skills, backgrounds and experiences to our membership is likely to improve decision making and also give our pupils strong role models that they can relate to. We would therefore welcome new co-opted governors who feel that they can represent and champion diversity at Bishop's. In particular we would like to increase representation from racially minoritized backgrounds, the LGBTQ+ community and from women. If you do not identify with any of these groups then please do not be put off from expressing an interest, we are simply trying to encourage applications from all.

"Pupils flourish and support each other to succeed"



Appointment as a Community Governor means that there is no requirement for an election and anyone joining the Governing Body would become a Community Governor for a four year term.

If you would like to express an interest, or just want to find out more about this opportunity to help shape and uphold the strategic vision of our school, please get in touch with either of us via the school email: admin@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk. Alternatively, you may feel that you know somebody else who would be well suited to the role who is not necessarily a parent/carer at Bishop's and we would be interested in hearing from them too. This could be a family member, work colleague or friend. We would appreciate responses by Monday 5th February.

We look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood	Mr A North
Headteacher	Chair of Governors
(On behalf of the Governing Body)	