



Friday 7th September 2018

Parent Governor Election

NUAST wishes to recruit two parent governors to work alongside the existing members of the local governing body. All individuals governing on the local governing body, regardless of their constituency are elected or appointed with one common purpose - to govern the academy in the best interest of students. Parent governors are no exception. They are not elected to represent their stakeholder group, but are elected in order to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the academy, contributing to strategic discussion, holding senior leaders to account by monitoring school performance and ensuring money is well spent.

Having governors who can bring different perspectives and knowledge to the governing body strengthens it. Elections can provide a useful device for ensuring that not all members of the board are appointed and that those with different views are able to join the governing body. But irrespective of how governors are appointed, it is crucial that they are confident in their role, committed to asking challenging questions and equipped with the confidence to have the courageous conversations essential for good governance being achieved.

I write to invite you to consider joining the NUAST local governing body. Attached to this letter is a nomination form which should be completed by any parent who is interested in becoming a governor.

- Parents may self-nominate but if a parent wishes to nominate another parent, they should seek their approval before submitting the nomination.
- Parents are invited to write a statement of a maximum of 250 words to support their nomination.
- Where the number of candidates nominated is equal to or fewer than the number of vacancies, then all those nominated will be elected unopposed. If too few parents stand for election to fill all the vacancies, the local governing body will appoint parent committee members to the vacancy or vacancies
- If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be conducted. Letters, copies of parent statements, ballot papers and return envelopes will be sent to all parents.

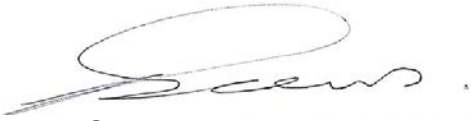
The nomination form should be completed and returned to the school reception by 16.00 on Thursday the 20th September in an envelope clearly marked Parent Governor Elections.

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I look forward to receiving your nomination forms and working with you in the future.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Saunders', with a large, sweeping loop at the top.

Mr John Saunders
Chair of Local Governing Body