**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY**

At Chosen Hill School, we are looking for **co-opted trustees** to join our diverse and dedicated governing body. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a meaningful impact as a **volunteer leader**, helping to shape the future of our school.

As a secondary academy with a thriving sixth form and 1,200 students, we are deeply committed to excellence, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Working closely with our local schools, we uphold our core values, our watch words.

**Wellness, Ambition, Togetherness, Confidence and Honesty.**

**Rated ‘Good’ in all areas by Ofsted in December 2024**, we are driving exciting developments in both our curriculum and facilities, ensuring Chosen Hill remains the school of choice for our community.

**The Role of a School Trustee**

Trustees play a crucial role in the leadership and oversight of the school. Their key responsibilities include working in partnership with school leaders:

* **Setting the strategic direction** – Helping to shape the school’s long-term plans, identify areas for improvement, and drive progress.
* **Holding the headteacher to account** – Ensuring high educational standards and effective staff performance management.
* **Overseeing financial performance** – Monitoring budgets and spending to ensure resources are used effectively and provide value for money.

**We need skills like these:**

* Finance/accounting
* People skills (HR)
* Performance management
* Procurement
* Facilities management
* Education
* Charity sector experience and fund raising

**Experience in chairing meetings would be particularly valuable as we aim to enhance leadership within our trustee board**. While prior governance or trustee experience would be a great asset, it is not essential. We also welcome applicants who are eager to develop new skills while making a meaningful impact.

**Full training is provided**, and trustees are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, both in person and online.

**Commitment & Meetings**

Trustees are expected to:

* Commit to five full governing body meetings and approximately six committee meetings per year.
* Attend committee meetings via Teams, and full board meetings in person, held on Monday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm.

**And to the good stuff!**

Becoming a trustee is a unique opportunity to lead, influence, and make a real impact on the future of young people. It’s a chance to:

**✔**Develop strategic leadership skills and gain valuable governance experience  
✔ Enhance your professional profile while giving back to the community  
✔ Expand your network and collaborate with a dynamic, supportive, and highly skilled board  
✔ Make a difference by shaping the strategic direction of the school

Our Trust board is a cohesive and welcoming team, committed to working together to achieve our shared goals. Whether you're looking to build your expertise or share your knowledge, this role offers a rewarding way to grow while helping Chosen Hill School thrive.

Join us in making a difference.

**How to Apply**

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds. You must be 18 or over to apply, and all governors must undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

If you are interested in joining our governing body, please contact Deb Duerden, Clerk tothe Governors, at DDU@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk for an application form or further information.

We look forward to hearing from you!