

GOVERNOR VACANCY

- ▶ **Deadline for Application: Friday 11 October 2024**
- ▶ **Interviews will take place in the week commencing 21 October 2024**

Would you value the opportunity to join the dynamic and effective governing body of Bishop Wordsworth's Church of England Grammar School as a governor?

Are you looking to:

- Find a rewarding voluntary role that makes a difference to the lives of young people?
- Gain an insight into the workings of a thriving and high performing grammar School?
- Contribute to and represent the wider community?
- Work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School?

We are looking for a committed individual who has:

- An open and enquiring mind.
- The ability to think strategically and look at issues objectively.
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debates across a range of issues.
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- Preferably a background in finance, audit, property or health & safety;
- Time to spare – time commitment is about half a day a month with most meetings in the early evening.

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- Setting the School's vision, aims and strategic direction.
- Monitoring and evaluating the School's performance.
- Being the critical friend to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team and holding them to account.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the School and ensuring that the budget is properly set and managed.
- Deciding policy and future development plans.
- Upholding good governance and working to further the success of the School.

The Role:

- We meet five times a year as a full governing body. Governors also serve on at least one committee: the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, the Pay & Staffing Committee and the Admissions, Property, Health & Safety Committee, each of which meets 2 or 3 times a year.
- Our meetings are hybrid meetings, so governors can join meetings virtually if needed. We ask that all governors commit to at least 2 face to face full governing board meetings each year.
- All governors have subject links and work closely with the Senior Leadership Team to review policies and manage risk. You will be actively encouraged to visit the School so that you develop a good understanding of how the School operates.
- Governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones. Being a governor is enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. You will be joining a long-established governing body and will be supported by fellow governors via our informal buddy system.

Additional information:

- Governors take a leading role in developing and maintaining the Christian ethos of the School and applicants will be required to satisfy the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education of their commitment to that role.
- More details about Governors' statutory responsibilities can be found at <https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/assets/Uploads/04-Governors-Statutory-Responsibilities.pdf>
- To apply, or to find out more about the role before applying, please email a cover letter and CV (maximum two pages each) to the Company Secretary company.secretary@bws-school.org.uk

Bishop Wordsworth's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with present and past employers, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and a Section 128 check.

All shortlisted candidates will undergo social media checks prior to interview in order to provide the appointment panel with any information that may be relevant to their suitability or have an impact on the school's reputation.