

Could you be a Governor?

The governing body of Samuel Whitbread Academy are seeking two new governors.

What does the governing body do?

The governing body has responsibility for day to day governance within the school. Its key responsibilities are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Why might you want to be a governor?

You get a real insight into what it takes to run a big upper school and what makes it tick. You get a chance to help shape the way the school is setting itself up for success now and in the future. How it should best respond to external pressures such as government policy changes and how it should organise and evaluate itself to give the best education for every student who attends. You will link with specific departments and leaders responsible for specific areas, so you can get a real sense of what actually happens in class, and the impact specific initiatives are having within the school.

What are we looking for?

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience, but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the pupils in our school.

Whilst there are no special qualifications needed, we do require our governors to have:

- a strong commitment to the role.
- a strong commitment to making sure there are high aspirations for all pupils in the school, and a commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for all pupils.
- to be inquisitive and have the ability to constructively question and analyse, and a willingness to learn.
- good interpersonal skills.
- the ability to interpret complex data.

We are keen to complement the skills and experience of the rest of the governing body, therefore, we would particularly welcome applications from individuals with experience of:

- GDPR
- Health and Safety
- Special Education Needs (SEN)

All governors at Samuel Whitbread Academy are required to play an active role in school life. All governors are expected to attend at least 1 link governor visit per term, which must be undertaken during the school day. Governors are also expected to attend school events such as school open evenings, school plays and awards ceremonies.

The governing body meets 7 times per year from 7pm to 9pm, and governors are expected to attend all governing body meetings.

As well as being assigned a mentor from the existing governing body, new governors will receive full induction training. Ongoing training is available for all governors to attend.

All our governors must follow the Code of Conduct and the Nolan Seven Principles of Public Life.

How do I apply?

Those interested in joining the governing body of Samuel Whitbread Academy are asked to email the Clerk to the Governing Body on SWA-Clerk@bestacademies.org.uk to request an application form.

Please return your application form to Samuel Whitbread Academy addressed to the Clerk of the Governing Body by the 5pm on the 3rd July 2019.

Interviews will be held on 16th July 2019.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application, please leave your contact details with the Clerk to the Governing Body, and a member of the Governing Body will contact you for an informal chat.

Please note successful candidates will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and to confirm their eligibility to serve as a school governor.