

# The Canterbury Academy Trust

## Schools for all the Talents



The Board of Directors of The Canterbury Academy Trust is seeking to recruit local governors to join The Canterbury Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB), The Canterbury Academy Secondary Phase, The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form LGB (including a parent representative) or the Youth, Community and Extended Services LGB.

Each Local Governing Body has its own terms of reference/scheme of delegation to work to and meets six times a year, once each term. Meetings tend to be around 2 hours long and papers are shared with you a week in advance for you to read prior to the meeting. Focus at meetings includes progress and attainment, attendance and engagement, student well-being, teaching and learning, community links, extra-curricular activities and funding.

In addition to attendance at meetings, it will be a requirement for you to get to know the school in more depth through visits to the school (these can include pre-arranged meetings with staff through the clerk, attendance at shows, performances and events, attendance at parent forum meetings to hear parents views on the academy) etc. There will be three opportunities throughout the year to visit during raising standards process, where you will have the opportunity to participate in voicing, observe lessons, work scrutiny etc.

The local governing body's key responsibility is how improvements can be made that will be better for the children and continually improve teaching and learning and supporting the Trust's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

As part of induction as a new local governor, other more experienced governors and directors will act as your mentor. Any questions you have outside of meetings can be directed to the clerk, Chair or your mentor.

The Chair of the Local Governing Body will meet with all local governors at least once during an academic year to complete a contribution report, to seek your views on how effective the local governing body is and suggestions for improvement moving forwards and to discuss any training requirements, either as an individual or for the governing body as a team. You will also be invited to take part in a couple of training sessions set up by the Board of Directors during the year.

### **Why become a local governor?**

Volunteers need to be dedicated people who care about improving education, but they do not need prior board experience. The role involves helping set the culture, vision and strategic direction of the school.

We particularly welcome interest from ethnic minorities to further enrich the diversity of our school community.

If you would be interested in being a local governor. Please contact clerk on 01227 463971 or e mail [clerk@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@canterbury.kent.sch.uk) for more information.