

# The Canterbury Academy Trust

## Schools for all the Talents



### Be a Governor

**Be the change you want to see**

**Could you be a Multi Academy Trust governor?**

The Canterbury Academy Trust consists of ‘**schools for all the talents**’. Our aim is to provide ‘**as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible**’.

Being a governor is a great way to have a positive impact on your community by improving the lives of the children within it. You will help steer the Canterbury Academy Trust; believe in its ethos and vision and challenge the staff to deliver on targets. You will be joining a team committed to improving the lives of our children.

The Canterbury Academy Trust will support you in your new role and continually supports the governing body on its journey. We provide induction training, advice and ongoing support throughout every governor’s term of office.

#### **What do you need to be a governor?**

You need a passion for supporting the Canterbury Academy Trust to give the best possible learning opportunities and where you may have specific formal qualifications or experience this would be a bonus.

The Canterbury Academy Trust does require some governors to have experience in business, finance and education, however we also want to nurture diversity in skills, background and life experience. We aspire for all governing bodies within the Trust to include committed people with diverse ethnicities who represent a range of different ages, sexualities, disabilities and other protected characteristics. Having a range of lived experiences on governing bodies changes the quality of questioning and challenge making our Trust a better place for our children to learn and enabling them to see people like them in strategic and senior leadership roles.

All governors will undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check before they start (organised by the Canterbury Academy Trust) and must be over 18 and living in the UK.

If you would like an informal chat or have any questions about being a governor, please email [clerk@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@canterbury.kent.sch.uk) or call us on 01227 463971.

#### **How to apply**

We are seeking committed governors to strengthen our governing bodies across the Canterbury Academy Trust and to support them on their journeys of improvement and transformation.

The Canterbury Academy Trust is looking for people who share our ethos and values, who can offer leadership and experience as well as the right level of challenge and support.

If you share our values and feel you can offer valuable skills and experience to the Canterbury Academy Trust governance we would like to hear from you. If we match you to a vacancy you will receive induction training and ongoing development and support.