

15th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Election of Parent governor for Central Foundation Boys School

I have received 4 nominations for the two Parent Governor vacancies. I hope you will vote in the election to select the two parents who will serve on the School's Governing Body for a term of 4 years.

The Governing Body plays a key role in the school's governance and is responsible for, or involved in, many significant decisions concerning this school. The Governing Body has 3 core functions. They:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our school;
2. Hold the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of our school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
3. Oversee the financial performance of our school and make sure its money is well spent.

Each candidate has given a statement saying why they are suitable for the role. These are set out in the following pages. Please read the personal statements carefully, bearing in mind the role of the school governor and the needs of the Governing Body. This is therefore your opportunity to have your say in who will take a role with corporate responsibility for the education of your child. There are two vacancies to be filled and, therefore, every parent at the school is allowed to vote for up to two candidates. Enclosed you will find a ballot paper and return envelope.

Please return your ballot paper to the school office or by post to the Clerk to the Governing Body, Central Foundation Boys' School, Cowper Street, London EC2A 4SH by **5pm on Friday 2nd December 2022**. If you are sending your ballot paper by post, please remember to attach a stamp.

Votes will be counted on Monday 5th December 2022 and the results will be announced as soon as possible. It is hoped that the newly elected governors will be able to attend the next governing body meeting which is due to take place on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 5pm.

I hope you will decide to vote as the governing board is very important in the decision making of the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either the Chair of the Governing Body, Simon Dodds at simon.dodds27@gmail.com or me at unj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



Joel Un
Clerk to the Governing Body

Anand Amlani

For the past 20 years, I have worked in public service dealing with issues such as health, welfare and youth engagement amongst other areas. I am putting myself forward as a Governor as I welcome the opportunity to use my skills and experience in an area that has such an important impact on the outcomes of our children.

I am used to collaborating with lots of different types of people ranging from Government officials, academics and front-line workers to bring together diverse views, and combining these with data and research to continuously improve services, often with limited resources.

Like any parent, I want the best opportunities for the children and am dedicated to providing teachers and students access to the best resources and pastoral care so pupils can fulfil their academic potential. I am also committed to ensuring students are exposed to the worlds of arts, culture, sport and commerce to help showcase the breath and diversity the world has to offer.

I believe I have the energy and ambition to support the vision of the school and help develop well balanced, inquisitive, free thinking young men best equipped to be successful at whatever they choose to do in the future.

Paula Chin

Hello - I'm Paula, and I'm so grateful for another opportunity to stand as a candidate in the Parent Governor elections. My son is in Year 8 and is truly thriving at Central Foundation. Despite the challenging future facing our boys, I believe this school can equip them with all the tools they need to have a positive impact on the world. I would welcome being part of ensuring this happens.

I've enjoyed a successful career as a packaging expert, working for several of the UK's well-known supermarkets and consumer goods companies. More recently, I've transferred my skills to the charity sector and currently work for the WWF (the panda charity!), advocating for Government to develop ambitious policies to improve the natural world for people and planet. My strengths include multi-stakeholder engagement, creative problem-solving and strategy development. I chair an environmental coalition working group and sit on several advisory groups which hold Government and industries to account for their actions.

My work highlights the importance of education in supporting young people to become responsible citizens who are well-equipped to solve the problems we face now and in the future, not least the climate crisis. Central Foundation has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring each boy reaches their potential and it would be an honour to be part of shaping the school's future.

Helena Jarrold

My name is Helena and I have a son who has just joined the school in year 9. Currently I work at King's College London university where I research, design and implement initiatives that support students from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds into Russell group universities.

I hold a master's degree in Education Policy and Society. Through my work in Widening Participation, I have gained an in-depth knowledge of how policy effects students from a range of backgrounds and what is needed to overcome their unique barriers to successful educational outcomes. I feel I would be a dedicated governor who would support the schools' high aspirations and future development goals.

Jamie Urban

My son is in year 11 and from the beginning of his time at CFBS, he, along with my wife and I have felt a great affinity and passion for the school. So as a parent, I welcome the opportunity to support the excellent work that is undertaken by the Headteacher and all the staff in the school. Though my son only has a few more years left of his CFBS journey it has been the best start that he could have had for his next years.

My work is within the area of HMP Prison and Probation service, which I feel gives me an excellent springboard to understand the importance of school life and how as parents and with the school, need to make sure that our children are given the best tools to continue their way into adulthood.

I feel that as a governor I can cast an independent eye over the school; for example, through my link visits and I can bring an additional challenge to decisions made within the governors' meetings. It is important that every child at CFBS is happy, safe, confident and that they strive to become the absolute best that they can be. As a parent we need to support the school in its continuing outstanding journey, but, when necessary, we should also put the school under tough challenges. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions and I am able to speak out and stand up for what I believe is most important.
