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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Parent Governor Vacancy, Isle of Wight Education Federation**

A recent survey of governors in the UK found that 89% of them would recommend becoming a governor!

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, which we need to fill as soon as possible. The Isle of Wight Education Federation has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the students. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.

The Governing Board's main tasks are:

- To ensure that the Federation schools (Carisbrooke College, Medina College and the Island VI Form) have a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- To hold the Executive Headteacher and Heads of School to account for the educational performance of the schools and their pupils;
- To oversee the financial performance of the Federation and to make sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Board is aware of a diverse range of views. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the schools' performance.

In looking to fill these vacancies, the Federation governors have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- A passion to improve the lives of our students
- A willingness to work with school leadership and contribute to school improvement
- Able to meet a variable time commitment
- Able to work collaboratively with other governors and school leadership

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. You don't need to know about education, the work and life experience parents bring to the role is valuable in contributing to a diverse Governing Board.

If you feel you might be interested in joining us, please contact the clerk on 01983 526523 or [emma.shambrook@iwef.org.uk](mailto:emma.shambrook@iwef.org.uk) for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the clerk by 12.00 noon on 20 October 2023.

The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school's website. A copy of the Federation's governor recruitment information can be found at <https://www.iwef.org.uk/iwef/governor-recruitment/> . You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the [Hampshire Governor Services website](#).

Please note, that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to a DBS and identity check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent details of how to vote in due course. You may return the ballot paper electronically or on paper, either via your child or by post.

Parent Governors will transfer to the IWEF Academy Committee when the schools join HISP Multi Academy Trust.

Yours faithfully



Matthew Parr-Burman  
Executive Headteacher



Richard Bridgford  
Chair of Governors