

Parent Governor nominations, October 2024

<p>Candidate 1 Chris Cotton</p>	<p>I am keen to become a governor at Hinchingsbrooke School as I have long-standing personal and professional interests and experience in education, which I would like to apply to this role.</p> <p>Through my own academic background, which includes the completion of a PhD, I have developed an understanding of academic and pastoral needs at several educational levels. During my doctoral research, I undertook part-time teaching of undergraduate seminars and supervision of dissertations; I continue to be highly motivated by enabling students to reach their potential.</p> <p>I have since worked for 18 years as a product manager / publisher of online research databases for the academic market, a role that has entailed working with multiple stakeholders in the education system, including educators, students, researchers, and librarians, while identifying and responding to the requirements, challenges, and workflows of each. I have previously worked in academic libraries, where my overriding objective was to facilitate the educational outcomes and research of students and academics.</p> <p>I believe this combination of practical experience of teaching and research with professional expertise in analysis and strategy in the sector would equip me to contribute strongly to the school's mission via the governing body.</p>
<p>Candidate 2 Victoria Stanley</p>	<p>As a new parent to Hinchingsbrooke with a son in year 7 I am keen to be involved in and to support the school in all ways. I have been impressed with the transition process which I feel operated like a well-oiled machine to ensure all pupils felt welcomed as they started the next phase in their education. My son has certainly enjoyed the learning and extra-curricular activities open to him.</p> <p>In terms of my skills and background, I work in education and I have done so for close to twenty years. I have a plethora of experience in the field of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Safeguarding and Attendance. I am a qualified Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and I have previously worked at most of the schools in the ACES trust so I feel I have a good understanding of the strengths and challenges facing Hinchingsbrooke School. I also have a good understanding of national guidance and legislation around these key areas to offer guidance, support and challenge to the school. I am passionate about advocating for children and young people with additional needs and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds, always wanting to ensure equality and equal opportunities for all. This has always been my driving force professionally and it would be wonderful to be able to offer this to the school my son and community are a part of.</p> <p>I have previously held a voluntary role as staff governor in a Primary school however I feel I have much to offer to support and become involved from perspective of a parent. Outside of work I am a busy mum with a full family life, so I have a good understanding of the pressures of working parents. I believe I could add to the Governing Body to ensure our children thrive and have the opportunities to reach their full potential.</p>
<p>Candidate 3 Richard Bartlett</p>	<p>As my daughter has just started in Year 7 this feels like the ideal opportunity to support her education by supporting the school as a parent governor.</p> <p>I can provide expert input on information technology issues including networking, user support, systems implementations, cyber security and compliance, having worked in IT for 30 years. I've worked in secondary education settings (as a consultant to City Learning Centers in London) and higher education (having worked at University of Cambridge and Plymouth University in senior management roles), and I recently joined the British Red Cross as End User Computing Manager.</p> <p>I volunteer as Quartermaster for 1st Southoe and Buckden Scouts, taking responsibility for the equipment used at meetings, fundraising events and camping, and providing hands on support at fundraising events and camping. I've previously been a Parish Councillor (at Offord Parish Council) and have been also volunteered at litter picking events organized by local groups including Offord and Buckden Angling Society and the River Care Action.</p> <p>I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Local Governing Committee and having read the minutes of the last four meetings I'm confident I would be able to actively contribute.</p>
<p>Candidate 4 Dave Hall</p>	<p>As a parent, I have a vested interest in ensuring that the School upholds its responsibilities to educate pupils in a way which instils the ability to think critically, achieves high levels of living, meets the difficulties of technological innovation, and enhances citizenship and fundamental values.</p> <p>As a serving officer with the RAF and a registrant with the UK Engineering Council, these responsibilities are extremely familiar to me. I have also been employed as a Computing Lecturer in Further Education and still teach at Huntingdon Air Cadet squadron.</p> <p>I have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme since 1988, am an Award Leader, an Expedition Assessor for Bronze/Silver Awards and St John Ambulance Activity First Aid qualified.</p> <p>I have a Higher National Diploma in Electronics and Computer Technology, hold a BSc with first class honours in Communications Engineering Management and am a graduate of the UK Defence Academy Advanced Command and Staff Course.</p> <p>I am currently a Parent Governor with Buckden Primary School, an appointment which I would relinquish if chosen for Hinchingsbrooke.</p> <p>Most of all, I want Hinchingsbrooke to be a place that students have fun and that creates happy memories that will last a lifetime.</p>