



## Co-opted Governor Opportunity

Varndean School is a co-education state maintained comprehensive school for 11-16 year olds offering a modern and diverse curriculum. We give students the opportunity to explore their interests, achieve academic success and develop well-rounded characters to go forth into the world and make a valuable contribution to all our futures.

Varndean School was built in 1926, on its current site looking out to sea, due to the determination of a forward thinking headmistress. Miss Ethel Ellis worked hard to secure the new site for our school and ensure it was built with the idea of providing academic excellence alongside the development of students' characters, fostering a passion for art, culture, science and sport. At Varndean school we still adhere to those aspirations for our students.

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We have a four school pastoral system that fosters smaller caring communities, who learn and develop together, in the context of a larger school with shared facilities and activities. These schools focus on charity, community and competition and we ask our students to be positive, polite and prepared in all they do.

Our school motto is Challenge and Pride, we seek to challenge ourselves and take pride in our achievements.

The Governing Body is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join an effective cohesive team of people to hold the school to account, to shape the vision of the school and to set the strategic direction.

Although governors are volunteers, excellent support and development opportunities are provided through an induction process and full programme of training both face-to-face and online to suit individual needs. There are also opportunities to work alongside experienced governors and to take on a responsibility for an area of the school improvement plan. We don't expect you to be an expert in education and welcome governors from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views. You just need to be committed to supporting our school community and the educational outcomes of our students. We welcome expressions of interest from all parts of our community and actively seek to reflect the social and cultural diversity of our student intake in our staff.

Our school is dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our care and you will be expected to share this commitment. All Governors will be subject to an enhanced DBS check prior to appointment

## Expression of interest in being a Co-opted Governor

All expressions of interest can be submitted using the proforma below.

Please forward your expression of interest by email to: [teresadee@varndean.co.uk](mailto:teresadee@varndean.co.uk) or by post to: Clerk to Governors c/o Varndean School, Balfour Road, Brighton, BN1 6NP. The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Informal meetings will be held with suitable candidates to discuss the role further and to answer any questions before formal application for appointment to be agreed at the next Full Governing Body meeting. Co-opted Governors are appointed to the Full Governing Body of the School following recommendations from the Nominations Committee.

Full Name:	
Home Address	
Occupation	
Work Address including Company Name	
Contact Email address:	
Contact Telephone Number:	
Current Governorships or Trustee Positions	
Previous Governorship or Trustee Positions	

Please tell us about what excites you about the opportunity of being a Governor at Varndean School, how you would like to be involved and what you think you can offer to support school improvement.