

# Hayle Academy

Dear Parents/ Carers and Members of our Community

On behalf of Hayle Academy, Cape Cornwall School and St Ives School, we are delighted to share with you some exciting changes for our Local Governing Boards from September. As you may know, the three secondary schools work in close partnership within the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust family of schools. For some time now, our Governors have been working collaboratively with a Joint Governing Body responsible for the governance of St Ives School and Cape Cornwall School. This has proved to be very successful: our Governors' skills and expertise are shared for the benefit of both schools and we gain a lot from being able to share practice and work together. From September, this joint model of Governance will include Hayle Academy and our new, extended team of Governors will meet for the first time in July.

In preparing for this change, we have made sure that each school will be strongly represented on the joint board by parents and members of the community. The broad range of perspectives and experiences of our Governors underpins our support for our schools and ensures that the schools continue to develop and to provide the highest standards of education and support for our young people. We are looking to appoint 2 new community governors (who may also be parents) to join our Local Board and hope you may be interested in this opportunity to support and contribute to your local schools.

The new LGB will have 4 Committees (which will meet termly at 5.00pm). The 4 Committees are: Behaviour, Wellbeing and Personal Development, Quality of Education, Finance and Resources, Premises and Facilities. All Governors will be a member of one Committee as well as joining the full LGB meetings. We are particularly interested in finding Governors with skills in finance and resource management; for example a background in business or financial services. We would also be interested in Governors with a broad set of skills who have previous experience in education or of working with young people. The Full Board will meet 4 times a year: twice in the Autumn Term and once in the Spring and Summer Terms. In total therefore, a Governor will attend 7 meetings per year: meetings typically last for 2 hours. Meetings are likely to continue to be held through a combination of remote (Teams) and 'in person' formats. There are also opportunities for Governors to visit the schools, meet with staff and students and to contribute in a wide variety of ways.

All our Governors have a full Governance role and will oversee provision and standards in all three schools. Governors have a strategic oversight of provision and standards within the school and act as advocates and ambassadors for our schools. Having Governors with a connection to each of the schools and their communities is an essential element of ensuring that we have a well-balanced Governing Body.

This is an exciting time to be a Governor and I hope that the role will be of interest to you. The schools are committed to safeguarding children and all Governors are required to undergo an enhanced DBS check. Should you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss the role informally, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. To make a formal expression of interest in the role, please email Karen Hickson (Clerk) on [karen.hickson@tpacademytrust.org](mailto:karen.hickson@tpacademytrust.org).

Yours faithfully

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