



Have you ever thought about becoming a College Governor?

There is a vacancy for Parent Governor on the Governing Body of SFX and an election will be held to appoint a volunteer (unpaid) to fill this responsible role.

Could that person be you?

You are eligible to stand for election if you are:

- the parent (natural, adoptive or step) or legal guardian of a full-time student of St Francis Xavier 6th Form College at the time of the election
- sympathetic to the Catholic foundation of the College and supportive of the ethos
- interested in education at a time of change and challenge
- committed to the continued success of the College
- interested in the education of 16 – 19 year olds - and adults on short courses
- willing to strengthen links between the College and the community
- dedicated to honesty and integrity
- prepared to give up at least three evenings to attend Board meetings in the course of one year for a term of office of two years (plus three or four more evenings a year sitting on a committee or two)
- prepared to give time to reading papers; attending and contributing to meetings

NOTE: Certain specific circumstances disqualify a serving governor and render a person ineligible for appointment. These include bankruptcy and the incurring of a prison sentence. Full details are available from the Clerk.



As a prospective governor you have a responsibility to declare any impediment to your ability to serve. You will be required to gain DBS clearance.

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What the Governing Body does

The College is required by law to have a Governing Body. Governors act as “critical friends”; they want the College to succeed, but keep a careful eye on what the Principal and staff do, just to check that everything is going well and probity is being maintained.

St Francis Xavier College has nineteen Governors. Eleven are Foundation Governors (appointed by the Bishop). The Principal is a Governor and there are two Staff Governors, two Student Governors and two co-opted Governors one of whom is nominated through the local authority and the other is recruited because of special skills or interests. [That leaves a vacancy for a Parent Governor.....you perhaps?](#)

These are some of the responsibilities that Governors have:

- to safeguard the education and Catholic mission of the College; its students and staff
- to make sure its money is spent appropriately and efficiently and that financial planning is sound
- to approve the annual estimates of income and expenditure produced by the Principal
- to check that the Senior Postholders and the Clerk to the Governors are doing their jobs effectively and well; and decide on their pay and conditions of service
- to set up a framework for the appointment, grading, discipline and pay and conditions of all the 100 or so members of staff
- to formulate the policy for the admission of students
- to monitor and assess their own performance, to ensure that the Governing Body operates to the highest standards.



**An election will be held in this autumn term, 2018.
If you would like more information or to express an interest, please contact:**

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