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Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Councillor Vacancy

We have two vacancies for representatives on our Academy Council which we need to fill as soon as possible. The Academy Council is the local governing body for Ely College, and works alongside the trust to support and challenge the leadership of the College. It is also an important means of ensuring that strong parental and community perspectives are represented. One of the most significant ways you can help the development of our college is to volunteer to be a member of our Academy Council.

The Academy Council's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the College has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the Principal to account for the educational performance of the College and its students;
- to help oversee the financial performance of the College.

Representatives from both the parent/carers body and the wider community are welcomed. Members of the Academy Council play a vital role in bringing the views and experiences of a range of stakeholders. We feel sure that there will be interest in fulfilling these important roles, which will help us continue to improve the College. Full Academy Council meetings take place around every six weeks, on Mondays from 17.00-19.00. Academy Councillors also visit the college for daytime or afternoon meetings around once a term.

In looking to fill these vacancies the Academy Council has identified the following skills, experience and attributes that would help strengthen the Academy Council:

- Knowledge/experience of education research and teacher development
- HR (Human Resources) and Personnel

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include mentoring and online support as well as access to face-to-face training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the main school office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to College by **12.00pm on Monday 29th October 2018**.

We are more than happy to put you in touch with an existing member of our Academy Council for an informal chat beforehand, if this would be helpful. Please contact the Principal's PA who can make these arrangements.

Please note that for the protection of students all Academy Council appointments are subject to DBS clearance.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal

Ray Haddow
Academy Council Chair

