

31st January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent/carers member of our Academy Council which we would like 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 representation for parental and community perspectives. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim 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 and leadership team to account for the educational performance of the college and its students;
- To oversee the financial performance of the college and make sure its money is well spent.

Parent/Carer members are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Academy Council is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the college.

The commitment is attending 6 meetings a year, with preparatory reading, and taking on a champion role in a key area such as: safeguarding and student welfare, finance and resources, curriculum and standards among others. The role is voluntary.

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

If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact main reception for an application form which will need to be completed and handed back to main reception by **12.00pm on Friday 28th February 2025**.

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.



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Yours faithfully

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Academy Council Chair

