



26 November 2021

Dear Parents,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I previously wrote to you on 05th November 2021 to invite nominations for the vacancy of a Parent Governor.

I am delighted to say we have received a good response and there are 3 candidates for the one vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Please find attached a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are Mrs J Bishop, Miss L Roberts & Mr V Winslow. Each family can submit one vote for their selected candidate, regardless of the number of students you have attending the school. As indicated on the online form you should vote by clicking the box alongside the name of the parent you wish to support. Once you have selected your candidate and submitted your vote you will receive a notification. All votes must be completed by 3pm on Friday 10th December 2021.

If it is not possible for you to vote for any reason please contact the school via email at enquiry@knbs.co.uk.

Votes can be made using our online ballot form

<https://forms.office.com/r/Mka9WZTMNx>

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Once the election has been completed, I will inform you of the outcome.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at s.chatterton@knbs.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Chatterton
Chair of Governing Board

Candidate Statements:

Mrs J Bishop

Why would you like to become a school governor at King's Norton Boys' School?

I would like to become a governor at Kings Norton Boys School because I am passionate about the education and pastoral support that young people receive.

I work in a strategic role within housing and homelessness and also have extensive experience of working with vulnerable adults with a variety of support needs. I have managed frontline services so have an understanding of the needs individuals present with, as well as what services they can access and barriers that may prevent them from doing so.

I have seen the effects that childhood trauma and poor education have on people and am keen to ensure that young people and their parents or carers are supported through challenging situations. I have a strong understanding of trauma informed working, and safeguarding. I have trained and mentored staff on how to work more effectively with complex individuals, and feel I can bring this to the role of parent governor.

Why do you think your skills and experience will make you an effective school governor?

I have extensive experience of working directly with vulnerable adults, and in more strategic roles developing policy and shaping services. I believe my skills and experience will enhance the governing body.

The skills I have developed include training individuals to provide more effective services; adding services to ensure they are performing to excellent standards; identifying gaps in delivery and working towards solutions to resolve these. I am empathic and able to communicate sensitively around difficult topics.

Miss L Roberts

Why would you like to become a school governor at King's Norton Boys' School?

I would like to be considered as a parent governor for your school as I have a son in year 8 and another starting next year, I also have a strong belief in giving all children the maximum opportunities to discover their full potential through education and extra curriculum activities alike. I am confident and comfortable in questioning leaders and holding them to account for the school, pupils and staff performance.

Why do you think your skills and experience will make you an effective school governor?

I have previously been a governor and have a very good understanding of the role and commitment involved. I also have 13 years experience in finance and expenses and 18 years in total as a NHS admin worker, with that comes an extensive knowledge of data protection, health and safety and importance of policies, procedures and confidentiality. Above all this I am a mother of five and believe no matter what your background all children deserve to be encouraged to achieve their very best potential.

Mr V Winslow

Why would you like to become a school governor at King's Norton Boys' School?

As an ex-pupil of KNBS, I have always felt I owe a tremendous amount of thanks to the school for helping to make me who I am today. I am a local boy who was taught about respect, behaviour and given support and direction on how to achieve what I wanted in life. For this I will always hold KNBS extremely close to my heart and a place that gave me lifelong friends.

My wife and I are blessed to have two sons and a daughter, our eldest son who left a few years ago following an amazing time spent at KNBS and our other son who has just started in Year 7 who is equally finding KNBS life fulfilling as he settles. Our daughter has just started Year 7 at Kings Norton Girls' School.

I now have the experience within my life where I can give something back to our local community and believe as parent Governor, I can support other parents, pupils and the school with future development and give pupils the best chance to be successful in their time at KNBS and beyond so that they are able to fulfil their true potential.

Why do you think your skills and experience will make you an effective school governor?

I am currently employed as an account manager for a Facilities Maintenance company, my role involves having full accountability for financial and service delivery performance, health and safety management, operational processes and implementing change management within business to achieve short- and long-term goals for both the business, our clients and colleagues.

This is an industry I have worked within at varying levels of management for the last 31 years. During this time, this has included maintaining various educational settings from schools to colleges and Universities ensuring safety and compliance.

As an FA Qualified football coach, part of my role is the continuous development and safety of my players at all times, including well-being, safeguarding and ensuring all players can enjoy their time safely whilst they are playing, giving them a set of usable skills to take into their life outside of football for themselves or working within or leading teams.

These skills combined, my role as a parent Governor will allow me to assist in ensuring continuous development of both statutory and strategic responsibilities, ensuring overall compliance for King's Norton Boys, making it the school people want to be part of for years to come.