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### **Opportunity to join the Governing Body**

Would you like to make a difference to the future of Kings Norton Girls' School and Sixth Form, or do you know someone who would? There are currently two vacancies on the Governing Body for member appointed trustee governors. Please note, these posts are not parent governor category positions. We are looking for governors from the wider community to work with the school and support us in realising our vision of opening a world of opportunities by demonstrating our values of respect and courage in order to flourish.

Governors play a key role in the strategic direction of the school and the raising of standards including working with the Headteacher in the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills. Don't worry if you have no experience as you would be joining a very supportive team, there is a full induction programme and you will be paired with an experienced governor who will act as your guide. Experience of the education system is not a prerequisite to being a governor.

The Governing Body carries out three core governance functions:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold the executive to account for the educational performance of the trust and their students, and the performance management of staff
- Oversee the financial performance of the trust and make sure its money is well spent

More detailed information relating to our Governing Body can be found on the school's website <https://www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/governance/>. Detailed information relating to our structure and responsibilities can be found here <https://www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/governance/documentation/>

Governors at KNGS have between them a very wide range of skills and knowledge, but there is a common thread in the passion and commitment they all show in their work for and with the school. Please note that an important duty of any governor is to attend meetings of the Governing Body and you should be sure that you are able to manage this commitment before applying. The full Governing Body meets 4 times a year, twice in the autumn term and once in the spring and summer terms. In addition, there are 2 committees, Standards and Curriculum, and Resources; all governors sit on or the other of these. They each meet 5 times a year. Meetings are in the evenings and vary in duration between 1 and 2 hours.

- **Standards and Curriculum Committee:** Ensures the curriculum remains broad and balanced and provides appropriate choice and challenge to meet the needs of our students. It reviews outcomes data from external and internal assessment and monitors behaviour, attendance and safeguarding information.
- **Resources Committee:** Considers the budget and its implications for the school, the school estate, staffing matters, health and safety issues and general data protection regulations.

### **Opening a World of Opportunities**



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Our governors are also aligned to key roles in school e.g. safeguarding, health and safety, pastoral support and general data protection regulations or are linked to a school faculty. We strive to represent our school community within the board; currently ethnic minority groups are under-represented.

### **How to apply**

If you wish to nominate yourself for this role please provide the following details to school no later than **12.00pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Mark your application “**Governor appointment**” for the attention of Mrs Denise Wilson, Clerk to the Governors. This can be hand delivered to the main school office or emailed to [dwilson@kngs.co.uk](mailto:dwilson@kngs.co.uk). An interview will take place as part of the governor appointment process with our member governors, the post is also subject to an enhanced DBS check. The following website link contains information relating to a list of restrictions and excluded categories for those that are not able to take up a school governor position

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/1034/schedule/4/made>

Your application should contain the following:-

- Full name of applicant and full contact details (including email)
- A written statement of no more than 300 words, detailing why you wish to become a governor and what skills and experience you could bring to the governing body

A final word from one of our governors:

“Being a governor at Kings Norton Girls’ School, and supporting the school on its journey, is hugely rewarding - and fun! It gives me the opportunity to use my professional skill set in a new context - and to work in areas that are new to me. I have met wonderful people in my time as governor - both on the governing body and in the wider school community - and I thoroughly enjoy working with all of them. Schools need governors who can bring a range of skills and backgrounds so if becoming a governor is of interest we would like to hear from you. I hope to be welcoming you to your first Governing Body meeting very soon!”

Should you wish to discuss this opportunity further, please do not hesitate to contact Denise Wilson, Clerk to the Governing Body (contact details above). We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Nicola Raggett**  
**Head Teacher**

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