



Would you consider applying to be a community governor – or do you know someone who might be interested?

We are looking for members of the school and wider community to join the Archer Academy's board of governors, as long-serving governors will be stepping down in the coming months.

Being a governor is a highly rewarding role that offers a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the education of local young people, and we are looking forward to welcoming new members to our team.

What do governors do?

Governors hold the school to account, acting as a supportively critical friend. We don't have any input into the day to day running of the school (such as curriculum, homework or school trips). However, we work closely with the headteacher and other senior leaders to offer strategic oversight in order to improve both pastoral and academic outcomes.

Examples of governor responsibilities include: monitoring the school's budget to make sure public funds are spent correctly; reviewing school policies, statements and interventions; offering strategic input into the School Development Plan, and scrutinising and discussing internal and external data. Overall, our role is a strategic one, supporting and challenging the school in delivering the very best education for our students.

What skills would I need?

We are looking to recruit people with enthusiasm and commitment who are willing to get to know the school, and are passionate about improving education for young people. They will be prepared to actively contribute to the work of the team. We are particularly keen to attract people with skills or experience in:

- finance
- HR/legal
- facilities management
- the education sector
- strategic communications
- social, community or youth service

What kind of people are you looking for?

Anyone in the school and wider community with relevant skills, the time required to do a good job and a commitment to the school's founding vision. We are committed to equality and diversity and are looking for candidates from a wide range of backgrounds so we can reflect and represent the community that we serve.

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Do I need certain qualifications?

No, none. If you become a governor, we will organise a safeguarding background DBS check and any other relevant training, but there is no cost to you.

How much time will it take?

We estimate that the role will take up the equivalent of around 2-3 days a month, and can be mainly done on a flexible basis. You will be asked to join at least one of our committees, such as Pastoral and Wellbeing, Finance or Resources, and attend any relevant training sessions. Fixed responsibilities across each academic year include seven full governing board meetings (lasting around two hours each, held in the evenings), and around six committee meetings. The rest of the work, such as reading papers for meetings or reviewing committee policies, can be fitted in around the rest of your life

What will I get out of it?

You'll be helping to shape the future of hundreds of young people in the local community. People become governors for many reasons, including: the desire to feel part of something that can make a real difference to children and young people; professional development; to gain knowledge of the education sector, and a wish to work with people from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Our current governing team would certainly agree that they have gained a great deal from the experience.

Is it paid?

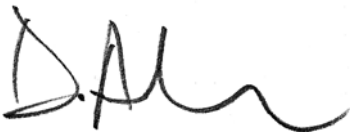
No. School governance is the largest voluntary group in the UK. The role is unpaid, but the board is able to reimburse reasonable childcare costs and travel expenses in specific circumstances.

How can I find out more? What's the application process?

The application deadline is **Friday 12 March** by 17.00. Short-listed candidates will be invited to interview. If you are interested in the role and would like more information, please feel free to get in touch with one of the current governors, or email our Co-Vice Chair Claire Straus at claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk

If you feel you're ready to apply right away, please send an email explaining why you would like to apply to become a governor, and outlining your work/life experience, to me at dadams@thearcheracademy.org.uk. If you have a CV ready you are welcome to include it, but this is not an application requirement.

Looking forward to hearing from you.



David Adams
Chair of Governors