



## ***Are you interested in making a difference?***

The Woodard Academies Trust is a sponsor of St Augustine Academy in Maidstone. The Trust is looking for members of the local community and a parent/carer representative who have an interest in the education of young people to join the Academy Council.

The Academy Council is an advisory and local governance body which acts a critical friend to the Principal and a vital link between the Academy, parents and the local community. It is a sub-committee of the Trust's Board of Trustees and carries a number of delegated responsibilities. It champions the work of the Academy in the local community, considering the views of different parts of the Academy community to influence decision making.

Academy Councils receive reports at each meeting of key performance indicators, student progress and reports on finance matters, HR, ICT, Health and Safety and safeguarding.

Councillors are expected to ask questions which will both challenge and support the on-going work of the Academy.

The Academy Council meet as a full group once per term (6 times per year) at times which are mutually convenient for the Councillors.

Do you feel that you could make a difference to your community?

Are you passionate about improving the outcomes of young people at St Augustine Academy?

If so we would like to hear from you.

For more information on becoming an Academy Councillor and a short expression of interest form please go to [www.saa.woodard.co.uk](http://www.saa.woodard.co.uk) or telephone 01622 752490. This form can be returned by email or post to St Augustine Academy, Oakwood Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE. Returns should be marked for the attention of Kim Owen, Clerk to the Academy Council.

Individuals returning the forms will be invited to a meeting at the Academy in early June to meet Councillors and a representative of the Trust and will be provided with further information on becoming an Academy Councillor.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*The sponsors are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment*

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## ***Becoming an ACADEMY COUNCILLOR - a quick guide***

- You would need to attend a termly meeting at St Augustine Academy (6 times p.a.)
- If you would like to be a parent/carer representative, you must have a child currently attending St Augustine Academy and you would be required to resign if your child leaves the Academy
- If you would like to be a Woodard Appointee member of the Council, you would need to have an interest in education in general
- All candidates would be appointed for a 5 year term of office but can stand down at any time
- You will be invited to a 'Question & Answer' session with refreshments at the Academy on 14th June and if you wish to proceed further at that point, there will be a further form to complete
- This form will require you to be proposed and seconded by parents or guardians who have a child at the Academy if you wish to be a parent representative
- All candidates will be invited to provide on the form a short personal statement (maximum of 100 words). The statement should only include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a Council member and the contribution you believe you can make to the Academy Council
- Should there be only one nomination then that person will automatically be elected as the representative. If more than one nomination is received then an election will be held and copies of the personal statements will be made available to all parents/carers of students at the Academy. Two weeks will be allowed for the return of ballot papers with parents/carers having one vote for their preferred candidate
- Induction training will be provided to all new councillors



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## ***ACADEMY COUNCILLOR - Expression of interest***

I am interested in being considered as an Academy Councillor.

I understand that I will have to complete a full application form should I decide to proceed with a formal application form after the 'Question & Answer' meeting in June.

Name.....

Address.....

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Contact phone number.....

Email address.....

Please use this space to provide us with a couple of sentences explaining why you are interested in this position and what you feel you can bring to the Council.

***Please return this completed form to [office@saa.woodard.co.uk](mailto:office@saa.woodard.co.uk) or by post to Kim Owen, Clerk to Academy Council, St Augustine Academy, Oakwood Park, Maidstone. ME16 8AE.***