

4th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I wrote to you on 19th November to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are three candidates for the vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are:
 - Raheela Kayani
 - Rukhsana Majeed
 - Anna C Theron

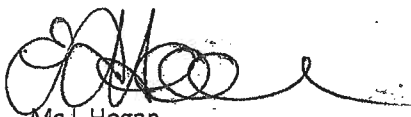
You may vote for one of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. Extra ballot papers can also be found under the Governors' section of the school website, and downloaded from there. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the name of the parent you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope with your name and your child's name and form on the front. This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found at Reception by 3.10pm on 17th December 2019. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to Ms L Hogan, Returning Officer, at the address shown on this letter.

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

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,



Ms L Hogan
Returning Officer

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ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR – STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BALLOT PAPER – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO RECEPTION NO LATER THAN 3.10PM ON 17TH DECEMBER 2019

There is one vacancy for a parent governor. You may vote for one candidate, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

Raheela Kayani

My child has just started at Stopsley High School and he has become a very happy and enthusiastic learner. I would like to accompany him on his journey through high school as a parent governor. I have worked at the University of Bedfordshire for the last 20 years and based in the ICT department offering technical support to staff and students as well as stakeholders. This has given me a deep insight into the field of education and the issues which affect the business. I am also single parent so am particularly interested in representing parents like me who have the challenge of both working full time and supporting their children adequately in their education. I was born and raised in Luton and I am a strong believer in the value and importance of a well-balanced education. I bring an honest and hard-working approach to my work. It is the same attitude I would bring to this important role. I would look forward to working with parents, teachers, the Head and other Governors to help drive the continued improvement needed to provide children/students with the best chance of success at Stopsley High School.

Rukhsana Majeed

I am a qualified chemist, a mother of three children and volunteer within my local community. I am passionate about education, I believe this is a tool for all individuals to have to better their chances in the real world. I believe everyone can achieve, given the right opportunities and I believe, given the right support, removing any barriers to learning will maximise the learning potential for all. I have been a Governor for Grasmere Nursery so I have the experience. I want to make a positive contribution to Stopsley High School.

Anna C Theron

I'm mother to three boys, either former or current students of SHS. I am passionate about community, creating it, embracing it and strengthening it. I believe that good and clear communication not only brings synergy but has the power to break down barriers and build bridges on all levels.

My background as an accountant and auditor span the corporate, public and charitable sectors. I trust that the skills I have acquired over the years have the potential to add value to the board of Governors. As part of my commitment to being part of the solution in Luton, I volunteer with a couple of charities and serve on the board of trustees of a local charity. The latter role requiring not only governance, but an objective, yet inquisitive view, accountability and transparency around finances, budgeting, reporting and disclosure and assessing and evaluating efficiency of procedures and policies and through that strengthening the organisation.

From my distant perspective as a parent, SHS has been on a steady path of improvement over the last few years and through my involvement in the Parent Voice group I have become aware that, despite the real challenges our school face, the Senior Leadership Team are committed to bring change to see improvement and provide a higher quality environment for our kids. I would like to support the school and the leadership team in ways that my skillset and experience can add value to our collective endeavour to continue to build.

Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your vote
Raheela Kayani	
Rukhsana Majid	
Anna C Theron	