

31 October 2023

Dear parents and carers

I wrote to you in September to invite nominations for a Parent Governor vacancy. The deadline for nominations closed on Monday 9 October 2023. I received three nominations for the position.

As we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. With this letter, you will have received a ballot link with the names of the candidates. I have also included the candidate's election statements. You may vote for one of the candidates.

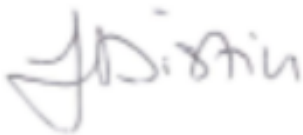
To vote, you should:

- Read the candidate statements attached to this letter;
- Mark an X alongside the candidate's name you wish to vote for.
- Submit your ballot paper by **3:00 pm on Friday 10 November 2023**
- To confirm your eligibility to vote, you have been asked to add your name and pupil information. This information will be removed before the vote count commences.

If you have any queries about this process, please email via distinj@goldington.beds.sch.uk.

Click [here](#) to vote.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Joanna Distin
Clerk to Governors and Returning Officer
Goldington Academy Trust

Election statements:

Candidate name	Election statement
Andrew Carter	<p>I am keen to join the Governing Board as I am eager to be involved in my daughter's education whilst supporting the wider community. I am already a board member at another local school and hope to bring my experience to Goldington, as well as my skills learnt after 28 years in Retail Management, leading teams, managing budgets and working with others to ensure great outcomes. I am already active in my local community, having arranged numerous community tree planting events and working with the Scouting Organisation as a Beaver Scout Leader.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, I will bring my existing experience and skills to the role, along with the commitment, enthusiasm and a different perspective to the problems and challenges.</p>
Lukasz Gruzla	<p>As a parent, I hold a profound interest in ensuring the highest standards of education for all children. I firmly believe that a strong educational foundation can greatly influence a child's future, and I am ready to commit my time and expertise to give back to our community by serving in this capacity.</p> <p>Over the years, I have had the privilege of working for esteemed government trusts such as Bedfordshire Probation, Bedford Prison, and Bedford County Council. These roles have provided me with a deep understanding of governance, community needs, and the importance of maintaining standards.</p> <p>Currently, as the Chief Operating Officer of an international company, I oversee our entire operations and finances. This experience, I believe, has honed my skills in decision-making, strategy formulation, and financial oversight – qualities that can be valuable in the role of a Parent Governor.</p> <p>I am confident that my combination of professional experience, coupled with my genuine passion for children's education, would bring a unique perspective to the governing body of Goldington Academy. I would be honoured to contribute and collaborate with other members to ensure the continuous growth and excellence of our beloved school.</p>
Vicky Stoeter	<p>My daughter is in Year 7 and I'm applying in the hope that I can contribute to the future development and success of Goldington Academy. As a person I'm enthusiastic, open and willing to learn whilst having the confidence to challenge issues, offer practical solutions and to think outside the box.</p> <p>As a graphic designer I have skills in creating thinking, idea generation, innovation, analytical thinking, reasoning and problem solving. It's frequently my job to improve something that already exists and make it more effective. I also have some experience in the area of pastoral care. I feel I can be a great support to the school, its staff, students, parents and the local community.</p>

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