

25 February 2025

Dear Parents

Parent Trustee Vacancy

I would be delighted if you would consider putting yourself forward as a Parent Trustee candidate.

We are recruiting for a third Parent Trustee to join our committed Board. The Trustees are responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the School's educational and financial performance. A Parent Trustee brings parental perspective to our Board, though is not intended to simply be a parent representative but rather take a fuller and more holistic view of the School's strategic direction.

We would particularly welcome any parents with HR, employment law, IT or educationalist experience, though these are by no means pre-requisites and we welcome all applications. We are committed to promoting an inclusive community in which its diverse members are valued and treated with respect. We welcome and encourage all applicants to this role, regardless of background, ethnicity, gender, disability or age.

The Board of Trustees meet five times a year, and each Trustee is also a member of at least one Committee, usually depending on an individual's skillset and interests. The Committees meet periodically throughout the year. A Parent Trustee's term of office is four years, and a Parent Trustee whose child leaves the School can continue until the end of this period.

We are all passionate about Sir Thomas Rich's and are committed to continuous improvement – a full list of the role and expectations of all Trustees can be found [here](#). I will be available to speak with anyone interested in applying. Please let me (tg.gov@strs.org.uk) or Nicky Binning (gp.gov@strs.org.uk) know if you do wish to speak.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward as a Parent Trustee candidate, please do complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return to Mrs Nicky Binning via email gp.gov@strs.org.uk **by Friday 21 March 2025**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out.

Yours faithfully



Tom Grogan
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Parent Trustee Application Form

Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Name of student	
Candidate statement:	<p>In this section, outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The skills and experience you have that the Board requires➤ Your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective Trustee➤ If applicable, details of your contribution to the work of the Board during your previous term of office➤ How you plan to contribute to the future work of the Board

I confirm that I am a parent or individual exercising parental responsibility of a registered pupil at the school.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Headteacher: Matthew Lynch BA (Hons), NPQH

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