



BEING A STUDENT GOVERNOR OF THE COLLEGE

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT GOVERNORS

The College Board has a position for one Student Governor. This note provides information on the role of a Student Governor and invites anyone interested to consider becoming a Student Governor.

WHO IS A GOVERNOR?

There are 18 Governors of the College who meet as the Governing Body or Board of Directors. They are from Bolton, its communities, the University of Bolton and the College (Principal, staff and student members). A Governor supports the College and questions and challenges what is happening with the College.

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNING BODY DO?

At its meetings over the year it decides on the overall strategic direction and aims of the College, its finances and standards and oversees effective College management by the Principal and senior staff. The Governing Body also ensures that the College and its staff meet the expectations of those to whom it is accountable - learners, employers and the communities that the College is there to serve. But Governors do not manage the College.

WHAT IS A STUDENT GOVERNOR?

A student Governor, like all the other Governors, make their own decisions at meetings. A student Governor is listened to because they alone can speak as a current College student and can contribute to discussions from an individual perspective, informed by student experience, but at meetings they do not represent individual students and are not delegated by student groups on decisions.

HOW DOES THE GOVERNING BODY WORK?

The Clerk to the Board sends the meeting agenda and papers to be considered at each meeting to all Governors. These are sent electronically. At the meeting Governors discuss the agenda items and papers, and make decisions on them which the Clerk records as the Minutes. These are published on the College website.

HOW MANY MEETINGS ARE THERE?

The Board meets four times each year. In addition, there are two Governor Training Days which start at 2.30pm. The dates for the year are available from the Clerk.

HOW LONG IS A STUDENT GOVERNOR'S PERIOD OF OFFICE?

It lasts for a maximum of two years, from the date of your appointment. The term of office automatically ends when a student leaves the College.

WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO A STUDENT GOVERNOR?

The Clerk to the Board works in the College to support Governors and will advise you on any aspects of being a student Governor. When appointed there is an internal induction and training programme to help you. There are also external training and networking events available. Governors are not paid but assistance can be paid with any extra costs such as travel to meetings and external training events.

WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT BEING A STUDENT GOVERNOR?

You can feel that you are contributing to the life of the College; you meet other interesting Governors and College Managers; you learn about how important decisions are taken; you can develop your skills on listening and speaking at meetings; you belong to a vital team of people influencing the College. It is an excellent item to have on your CV.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

You can obtain more information and guidance on being a student Governor from the Clerk at any time before and during the nomination process. Contact details are below.

HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Please complete the nomination form which is available from the Clerk.

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