

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Parent Governor Elections

We are seeking nominations for parents to stand for election as Parent Governors and join our governing body. The Governing Body works with the Senior Leadership of the school to promote high standards, take part in strategic planning, monitor and evaluate the activities within the school and to ensure the school is run effectively and that it provides the best possible education for its pupils.

The Governing body is made up of governors appointed by the members of Wapping and Shadwell Secondary Education Trust (WSSET), Parent Governors, Staff Governors and invited Community Governors. Governors need not be experts in the field of education, but should be interested in the school and in the welfare of our children and be able to give the time and to get involved.

Governors at Wapping High School:

- attend meetings of the full governing body (6 per annum)
- sit on either the Teaching & Learning and/or Finance Committees which meet half termly.
- visit the school for monitoring purposes and take part in monitoring specified functions within the school.
- attend training where appropriate.

All new governors receive a structured induction, training and mentoring from an experienced governor.

Parent Governors are elected by other parents and although they are there to represent parents' views, they are not delegates, and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote, or what they should say in Governing meetings. Should there be more nominations than vacancies a secret ballot will be held. Parents of registered pupils attending the school may offer themselves for election. Parent governors can serve for a term of up to four years irrespective of how long their child remains at the school. You may nominate yourself or a fellow parent (with their permission).

A video about governance at Wapping High School taken at the recent information evening will be available on the school website at the beginning of next week.

Parents are invited to submit nominations to the Head using the attached nomination form. The deadline for nominations is the **14 March 2014** and the ballot shall be held on the **21 March 2014**. The successful candidate shall be informed on the day. Thank you for your interest and I look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Karin Rowsell
Headteacher



GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORM

I Parent/Carer of
.....

in Form.....

Would like to nominate myself or as a
Parent Governor.

The reason for wanting (this person) to be part of the Governing Body is: (Please enter up to 150 words)

I..... have/has expertise in the following areas that I believe would benefit the Governing Body; (Please enter up to 150 words)

Signed: Dated:.....