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Dear Parents

Governing Body Vacancies

The Governing Body of the College consists of 22 members drawn from Local Authority nominees, parents, staff and members of the local community. **We currently have vacancies for two Parent Governors.**

It may be that, as well as an obvious interest in the education of your own child or children, you may be interested in serving the College (and, indeed, the wider community) as a Governor. The duties are not onerous. The full Governing Body meets about four times per year and the Committees (and most Governors serve on two) meet perhaps five times per year. It is possible to miss the odd meeting, of course. As well as attending meetings, it is often useful for Governors to be able to meet important outside officials and visitors such as OFSTED Inspectors and members of the Local Authority and there is the opportunity to take part in interview panels, helping with the appointment of new teachers and College support staff.

As with all staff and volunteers within the College, Governors will need to be cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau as being passed suitable to work with children following a Standard Disclosure process.

The main role of the Governing Body is to help raise the standards and performance of the College by supporting the work of the Principal and Staff. Governors make important decisions on how the College is run, agree broad policies and are a vital part of the College's success and, thus, the achievement and overall education of every student.

All registered parents of students enrolled at the College are (subject to the CRB check above) eligible to serve as Governors, with the exception of members of the College staff.

I do hope that, having read this, you will consider joining the Governing Body.

Please register your nomination by returning the form on the reverse of this letter to me at the College by 9.00 am on Monday, 20 April, 2009. For further information, please phone Mrs Sculpher, the Assistant Clerk to the Governors (720042) or email me: jcrouse@eggbuckland.com.

Once we have received the names and details of candidates for the two posts there will be (assuming more than two candidates) an election during the week beginning 27 April, 2009, and I will write to all parents requesting their votes. The results will be published on our website on Friday, 8 May, 2009.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Governors



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