



Head Teacher Recruitment

This term governors have been very busy with the head teacher recruitment process in order to be able to replace Mrs Hillier when she leaves in December. We are pleased to report that we have received 31 applications for the post.

An appointments panel of governors is in the process of shortlisting candidates and interviews will be held in May. We hope to be able to inform you of an appointment thereafter.

Division of Roles and Responsibilities between Chair and Vice Chair

During the recruitment period it has been decided that the Chair of Governors, Tracy Baldwin, will focus her attention on coordination of that process and that the Vice Chair, Ellie Bolton, will handle all other matters to do with governance of the college. You can contact Ellie Bolton via the governors' email address shown at the bottom of this newsletter.

Tracy Baldwin will be stepping down from the Governing Body from 20th May for personal reasons. Ellie Bolton will therefore become Acting Chair of Governors from that point until the Governing Body is able to elect a new Chair in July.

The governing body would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Tracy for the huge amount of time and commitment that she has given to supporting the college through her role as Chair and we wish her the very best for the future.

Election of new parent governor

We will be inviting nominations for a new parent governor to replace Tracy Baldwin on the governing body, in the Summer Term. If you are interested in this role, please contact Ellie Bolton or Tracy Baldwin via our governors' email address below.

Introducing our new governors

The following governors have recently joined the team:

Alison Ashdown (parent governor) has children in Years 9 and 7 and is a languages teacher at Thornden School.

Ted Shaw (parent governor) has children in Years 7 and 11 and works in the training and education sector.

Debbie Norwood (parent governor) has a child in Year 7 and is qualified in Human Resource Management. >>

John Ponsford (local authority governor) is a retired GP. He will sit on the pupil wellbeing committee and take over the role of Health and Safety governor from Linda Byrne.

Rob Beard (community governor) has a child in Year 8 and works as an IT manager for a multinational company.

Mel Wroe-Parker (community governor) has a child in year 8, is a lecturer in science and also health and social care at Fareham College.

Road Safety and Pupil Voice Project



You may be hearing from your children about an initiative being led by pupils to tackle road safety. This is part of our college

improvement plan to develop more pupil engagement in issues that they are able to influence and take responsibility for. They have chosen this topic because they recognise road safety as being very important. They plan to produce videos in their tutor groups and show them at House Assemblies to raise awareness of this important issue.

Governors would like to remind you that for safety reasons, parents are not allowed to drive onto the site to drop off or pick up their children at the start or end of the college day. Governors ask all drivers to be considerate of pedestrians and other drivers at all times. Please do not park in the zig-zag area at any time, and avoid parking near crossing points. If you can, please drop your children off without coming down New Road at all and encourage your children to walk the short distance to and from the college.

And where ever possible, pupils are encouraged to use school buses, public transport, walk or cycle and even lift share with other families in your neighbourhood to reduce the number of cars on the road. This will significantly improve the safety for all users of New Road.

How to contact us

We can be contacted by email at the following address:

governors@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk

or by letter addressed to the college, which will be passed to us.

Key Dates for April/May

26 April	Start of Term
27 & 28 April	Y10 Portchester Castle trip
29 April	Bank Holiday
3 May	Y10 Mock Exams begin
10 May	Y10 Theatre trip
11 May	ExITE IBM trip
19 & 20 May	Y7 Winchester Museums
24 & 26 May	Cake Making workshop (pupils and parents)
27 May	End of Half Term

Forthcoming Events

Governors look forward to welcoming you to the following events:

9 May	Tea dance
19 May	Humanities Cheese and Wine Community event
6 June	Tea dance
18 June	Swanmore College 50th Anniversary Band Night organised by SPA
23 June	Pre Year 11 Parents Evening (parents of current Year 10)
1 July	College closed to pupils for staff Professional Day
4 July	Summer Concert
14 July	Old Fashioned Music Hall Community Event
18 July	Community Line Dancing
19 & 20 July	KS3 production

In the meantime, we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 26 April.