



Expanding opportunities
Enhancing futures

Have you ever thought of becoming a college governor?

We are always keen to hear from people who are interested in taking on this vital role.





What we're looking for in a governor...

About the governors

Governors make an important contribution to the life of the college and its students, helping to ensure that it's run well and serves the needs of local people.

Governors make decisions on key issues which help to raise standards and shape the future of the college.

Becoming a college governor can be a way of gaining new skills and getting the kind of experience that's often valued by employers.

We are looking for potential governors from a wide range of backgrounds – members of the local community, professionals and business people.

There isn't one type of person best suited to becoming a governor and you don't need a qualification to do so. The most important qualities are an interest in post 16 education and a desire to contribute to the life of the college.



What's involved in being a governor...

The governing body, also known as the Corporation, is made up of a team of twenty governors. Each governor is appointed for up to four years at a time.

Governors are accountable for the college's financial position and use of public funds, the quality of the education it provides, the employment of staff and its wider contribution to the community. Governors are, in effect, trustees as the Corporation is an exempt charity.

The role of governors is to provide strategic direction and oversee the way the college carries out its work. They are not there to manage the college or involve themselves in its day to day operations, as that is the

role of the Principal. There are, however, opportunities for governors to link with an area of the college to enable them to find out and understand how the college works and students learn.

In practice you will attend meetings of the full governing body at least once a term. You will also be asked to join a committee to look at a particular aspect of the college, for example, finance, staffing, curriculum, safeguarding, audit or the college's estate. We try and match governors' skills and interests with the work of one of those committees, which again meet at least once a term. All meetings are normally held in the early evening.



Who we are...

Prior Pursglove College is a long established Sixth Form College with an excellent reputation, outstanding facilities and a real commitment to helping students to identify and achieve their goals.

We specialise in full time education for the 16-19 age group, providing a very wide range of Advanced and Intermediate level courses. We also offer an extensive range of part time courses to adults through the traditional evening class route and, more unusually for a sixth form college, in community venues and employers' premises.

Whilst the majority of our students live in the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland, our reputation is such that students also travel to us from central Middlesbrough, Stokesley, villages on the North Yorkshire Moors and as far south as Whitby.

Students' results have been at or above the national average for the last four years at least. Our governors and staff are very committed to ensuring that all students achieve to the best of their ability and go on to university or the good jobs that they are looking for.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor of Prior Pursglove College please contact the Clerk to the Corporation.

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