



Governor – Central Foundation Boys' School

Central Foundation Boys' School in Islington is a popular, high-performing, voluntary-aided comprehensive school for boys aged from 11 to 16, with a successful co-educational Sixth Form. Having completed the exciting final phase of a major redevelopment of our buildings and facilities, we are seeking a new Foundation Governor for the School to support our next stages of education development.

Who Are We

Central Foundation Boys' School is a popular and over-subscribed, voluntary-aided, comprehensive school for boys aged from 11 to 16, with a successful co-educational Sixth Form. A Central Foundation education involves providing our students with a wide range of educational experiences, including academic, sporting, musical, dramatic, debating and public speaking. Our aim is that through this provision the students develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they all need to lead successful lives, and allows the students to develop their own unique talents and confidence and to forge their individual paths in life.



Underpinning a Central Foundation education is rigour and a drive for excellence. We are rightly proud of our students' examination results. In the last few years these results have consistently shown the school to be one of the leading educators of boys in the country. These exam outcomes have enabled our students to access a very ambitious selection of universities. The school's approach that supports the students to achieve academically is also seen across the whole of our educational provision. At Central Foundation there is an extraordinary range of talented and dedicated staff who give enormously of their time. They encourage academic enquiry and adventure, and exhibit and celebrate a love of learning.

The extraordinary diversity of our community contributes significantly to the education we offer. It helps us to promote the liberal, open-minded and tolerant values that were at the core of our founder's vision over 150 years ago and remain so to this day.

As well as providing excellent individual pastoral care we have looked to create a school community which promotes the development of happy, well-adjusted and fulfilled young men. This is achieved both through the myriad of activities available to the boys and in how all of the adults and boys work together in a spirit of care and respect.

The school's location is unique in its position at the heart of Tech City and on the edge of the City of London. This location gives us unrivalled opportunities to engage with a huge variety of organisations and individuals who support our students in developing their understanding of our rapidly changing world.

Who we are looking for

The successful candidate will join a governing body comprising 18 members. It is critical that the successful candidate has a keen interest in the school and is prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work to help improve outcomes for students. As well as being members of the governing body itself, members are expected to participate in one additional sub-committee: Teaching & Learning; Pay & Personnel; Finance; or Pastoral, Premises, Health & Safety. Members are also expected to act as a *link governor* for one faculty. Link governors act as liaison between the governing body and a particular faculty, including meeting with relevant teachers and visiting the department from time to time. In addition, there are a range of other ad hoc circumstances where governor involvement is necessary.

As a governor, you would be expected to attend approximately 4 meetings per term, which usually take place on a Thursday (late afternoon/early evening). You would also need to allow time for reading papers and preparing for the meetings. Volunteers usually spend approximately 8 hours per month during term time on governing duties – this is a mix of meetings, school visits, and reading documents. In addition, the link governor role involves spending one morning or afternoon in school during the year, meeting with the faculty lead and visiting classrooms.

The governing body plays a key role in the school's governance and is responsible for, or involved in, many significant decisions concerning the school. The core functions of the governing body include, but are not limited to ensuring:

1. That the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
2. That the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
3. The sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

The governing body also has legislative responsibility and strategic oversight for the school's safeguarding arrangements.

The successful candidate will join the governing body this autumn. The members come from a wide range of backgrounds and professions and includes members appointed by the staff of the school, parents and the Islington Local Authority. A majority of the governors are appointed by the Central Foundation Schools of London, an Educational Charity which supports two schools in inner London, ourselves and the Central Foundation Girls' School in Tower Hamlets. This appointment will be a joint appointment by the Foundation and the school governing body.

No special qualifications are needed to be a governor and training will be provided for the successful candidate. At this time, we are particularly interested in individuals who have had experience in law, human resources or are experienced at a senior leadership level in a large company, charity or public sector organisation. We encourage applications from all members of society, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability, or age.

It is a very exciting time in the life of the school with an extensive building project recently completed.

For more information

- Visit our website: <https://www.centralfoundationboys.co.uk/> and our [Staff and Governors Page](#)
- Read more about the work and educational experience of our students in our [News pages](#)



To apply

Please submit your CV with a short covering statement on why you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at Central Foundation Boys' School and how your interest and skills can support our work. Please send your application for the attention of Mr Simon Dodds, Chair of Governors to Mr Joel Un: unj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk

If you would like an informal chat about the role of school governor, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body of Central Foundation Boys' School, Mr Joel Un: unj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk

The **Closing Date** for applications is **30 June 2024**.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a tour of the school and interview with the Chair of Governors and will also meet the Chair of the Central Foundation Schools of London Board.