

Finance Governor Vacancy – Torbay

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust has an exciting opportunity available to parents/community members with a Finance background/expertise to join the Torbay Regional Governing Body. This Regional Governing Body oversees the TSAT schools in the Torbay area which includes Furzeham Nursery & Primary School and Brixham College.

The time commitment of a Regional Governing Body member is:

- Regional Governing Body meetings are held three times a year. The duration of the meetings are approximately 2 hours and start at either 5pm or 6pm. **(6 hours plus time to read papers prior to the meetings per year)**
- In addition to the main Regional Governing Body meeting, we would ask the Finance Governor to join the Finance & Staffing Sub-Committee. This is an additional three meetings per year, approximately 2 hours and start at 5pm or 6pm. **(6 hours plus time to read papers prior to the meetings per year)**
- 2 school visits per year focussed on your link area looking at the school and speaking to staff and students. **(4-6 hours per year)**

The Regional Governing Body are a committee of skills-based governors and on this occasion, we are specifically looking for an individual with who has **experience in Finance or sufficient experience in education/business that they could confidently question and challenge Finance professionals.**

The appointed Governor will contribute to the work of the Regional Governing Body in improving the life chances of all of the trust's children and young people.

Examples of the responsibilities of the Regional Governing Body as a whole are:

- Holding local academy leadership to account for school academic performance, quality of care and provision;
- Holding academy leadership to account for school financial performance, value for money and income generation;
- Overseeing and monitoring the effectiveness of local strategies;

Why should you become a Governor?

Thinking Schools Academy Trust (TSAT) supports over 12,000 pupils and over 1,100 staff. All schools share a common mission, to nurture successful children who are confident and can think and act independently. At the heart of the Trust is the belief that the work that school leaders do must transform the life chances of students. As a Governor, you can work with school leaders to make positive change for the students in your Region and ensure they are receiving the best of what the Trust and Schools have to offer.

Other reasons you may want to consider being a Governor are;

- It is a rewarding experience.
- You can develop your own professional skills and experience.
- You can become a part of the wider community.
- Meet and network with like-minded professionals.

For further information on our Trust, please visit www.tsatrust.org.uk.

This role is available to parents or members of the community so please feel free to forward this letter to anyone you feel may have the right skills and ability.

If you are interested in this vacancy please contact the Trust Governance Manager by emailing governance@tsatrust.org.

TSAT is committed to safe recruitment procedures and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments to this post are subject to an enhanced DBS check and Children's Barred List check.

Yours sincerely

TSAT Governance Team