



## WHITELANDS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we are now firmly in to Term 1, I thought it would be a good time to introduce our Local Governing Board (LGB) and tell you about our role in the school, especially for those that are new to the school. We currently have four governors, including myself. Each governor has responsibility for a specific area, but we all take a whole-school approach:

Melanie Starren – Behaviour & Attitudes To Learning  
Bryan Taunton – Leadership & Management  
Claire El Mouden – Personal Development  
Darren Townsend – Quality Of Education, Safeguarding

We hope to have short biographies of each governor on the school website shortly, but each of us is here because we believe in what the school is doing and have an interest in helping our school provide the best possible outcomes for our students and families.

The LGB works closely with the school, holding termly meetings, carrying out monitoring visits, and being a 'critical friend' to the school leaders. We are also keen to get involved in other aspects of the school community, such as enrichment clubs, teacher support, and school celebrations and events, so I hope you will get the opportunity to meet one or more of us over the coming school year, even if it's just to put a face to a name.

We are currently a small team, but we are always looking to expand as the school itself grows, so if you are interested in learning more about becoming a governor, do please get in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of our students, and the way that they have started the new school year, especially our Year 7s. We are all aware that it is a huge leap from primary to secondary school but, having spoken to many of the staff and students over the past few weeks, it is great to see how quickly the students have settled into the routines and positive behaviours that are such a key element of what we do at Whitelands Academy.

Lastly, we all realise that there may be the odd issue, especially for those new to the school. If you do have any concerns, I urge you to speak to the school as soon as possible so that these can be dealt with quickly.

If you do need to contact one of our governors for any reason, please do so either through the school office or via our clerk at [clerk@whitelandsacademy.org](mailto:clerk@whitelandsacademy.org)

Thank you,

Darren Townsend, Chair Of Governors

