

CAMPSBOURNE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Campsbourne Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and 2023 has started well.

There have been lots of recent changes to the Governing Board and we felt it would be useful to keep everyone updated.

Chair of Governors:

After 7 years as a Governor including the last 4 years as Chair, Eleanor (Elli) Jones has decided to step down from the Board. We cannot thank Elli enough for all she has done for Campsbourne – she has been a true leader of the Board and much of Campsbourne's success is down to her passion and commitment.

Following Elli's departure, Alex Heywood previously our Vice Chair and Link Governor for Finance has become Acting Chair of Governors. Alex will provide continuity for the next term before Laura Lewis-Williams becomes Chair of Governors (with Alex then stepping back to Vice Chair). We are confident both Alex and Laura will continue the great work of Elli albeit they are big shoes to follow.

New Governors:

We are very proud to have such a diverse range of backgrounds and skills on our Board. Last term we welcomed Duwan Farquharson, Laura Lewis-Williams, Rani Tebbit and Burcu Keser as new Governors.

Duwan is currently the Director of Business for Broadwaters Inclusive Learning Community and a member of the Board of Directors for the Attlee Centre, where he has been Treasurer since 2021. Duwan has worked with several organisations within the private, public, and charitable and non-for-profit sectors and his educational background is in Finance, HR, and Business Management.

Laura's career to date has been focused on improving outcomes, in every sense, for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. She had a ten-year career teaching and leading in inner-city London schools, including as a Deputy Headteacher at Quintin Kynaston School. Laura is currently an Executive Director at Challenge Partners, an education charity, led by practitioners, through which schools collaborate to improve each other and the education system as a whole, so all children benefit.

Rani became an associate member in 2021 and was recently co-opted to the full Governing Board. Rani is a qualified lawyer, specialising in renewable energy and has worked across the private, public and NGO sectors. She also has an interest in special educational needs (SEN), in particular SEN law and process including education health and care plans. Rani sits on the Haringey SEND Parent Carer Forum Steering Committee and various Haringey SEN working groups, working to make the SEN system more accessible to families and creating greater understanding around neurodiversity.

Burcu initially joined the Governing Body as an associate member in July 2022 and was recently elected our new Parent Governor. She has also recently stepped up to become the new co-chair of the HSA. Burcu's background is in Children's Nursing and she has worked in various NHS Hospitals as well as private hospitals.

We have also welcomed Gemma Hall and Sherilyn Sibanda as associate members. We recruit our associate members for both their experience / expertise in specific areas and for succession planning purposes.

Gemma has a background as an early years practitioner which has given her experience working with children from diverse backgrounds, neurodiversity and across the socio-economic spectrum. She also attended Campsbourne as a child and has seen the positive changes over the years.

Sherilyn is a Hornsey resident and occupational therapist, supporting children with special educational needs attending mainstream schools. As part of her role, Sherilyn is also involved in training and supporting school staff to create an inclusive environment for all children.

Departing Governors:

In addition to Elli, we also said farewell to Gladys Merceron last term. Gladys was one of our two Parent Governors and like Elli, we thank her for her valuable contribution to Campsbourne over the last 4 years.

New Sub-Committees:

In addition to changes in membership of the Governing Board, we decided to adopt a sub-committee approach to Governance effective September 2022.

We have created two new sub-committees – Resources & Premises and Curriculum & Standards – whose members meet monthly before reporting up to a full meeting of the Governing Board termly. Each sub-committee has their own Chair (Duwan and Laura respectively) and whilst early days, we feel the approach has enabled the Board to become more efficient and allow equal time for all aspect of School Governance to be discussed.

We continue to have the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) sub-committee which meets regularly and is co-chaired by Anita Jakhu, Jude Fransman and Ayca Onkal.

Ofsted:

We were expecting an Ofsted inspection last term, so it is on the horizon. The school and the Governors continue to be well prepared for this, and we will update you once we have further information.

HSA:

We continue to enjoy fantastic events at Campsbourne and would like to thank the HSA for all their hard work in raising funds for the school.

We would also like to thank Elena Carofyllakis, who stepped down from the role as HSA Chair in November. Elena was a driving force behind the HSA and the Board would like to express our thanks for everything she did for the school. As noted above, Burcu Keser has volunteered to Co-Chair alongside Aysha Tupman-Newbury. We wish you well in the role and are always happy to help the HSA whenever you need us.

Supporting the HSA is a great way to help the school and whilst they put on some amazing events throughout the year, we are conscious not everyone is able to attend these. To assist with this, the HSA can accept regular, or one-off donations for any amount to the following account at any point in the year:

Account Name: Campsbourne School HSA

Sort Code: 40-04-37

Account Number: 71115146

Reference: "One off" or "Regular" (use "Regular" if setting up a regular monthly direct debit)

Staff:

Finally, it has been fantastic to see the school and community return to normal after the pandemic, and we are extremely grateful to Mr Smith and all the staff for their hard work, passion and drive to help all the children at Campsbourne succeed.

For a full list of Governors, Associate Members and their link roles, please see the following:

<https://campsbourne.haringey.sch.uk/about-us/governance/meet-the-governors/>

If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail or have further questions, please email the Governors at chairofgovernors@campsbourne.haringey.sch.uk

With best wishes,

The Campsbourne Governors