



Become a School Governor

Westwood College & Leek High School Combined Governing Board

Co-opted Governors Required

We are seeking enthusiastic, committed individuals to join the Combined High School Governing Board for Westwood College and Leek High School, part of the Talentum Learning Trust.

We are particularly interested in recruiting:

- ✓ Co-opted Governors
- ✓ Chair of Governors

This is a rewarding voluntary role where you can make a real difference to the education and life chances of young people within our community.

The Combined Governing Board was established to provide continuity, consistency and fairness across both schools and operates under delegated authority from the Trust Board, supporting strategic oversight of education, student welfare, staffing and budget monitoring.

Why Become a Governor?

School governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure the best possible outcomes for pupils.

As a governor, you will:

- Help shape the strategic direction of the schools.
- Hold school leaders to account for educational performance.
- Monitor the effective use of resources or funds.
- Support safeguarding, wellbeing and equality.
- Ensure the schools continue to provide an excellent standard of education and care.
- Bring your own skills, experience and perspectives to discussions and decision-making.

No previous governance experience is required. Full training and support will be provided.

What Skills Are We Looking For?

We welcome applications from people from all walks of life and backgrounds.

We are particularly interested in individuals with experience in:

- Leadership and management
- Education
- Finance and audit
- Human resources
- Legal services
- Health and safety
- Business and commerce
- Marketing and communications
- Community engagement
- Public sector or voluntary sector organisations

Most importantly, we are looking for people who:

- Are committed to improving outcomes for young people.
- Can think strategically.
- Are willing to ask questions and provide constructive challenge.
- Can work effectively as part of a team.
- Act with integrity, objectivity and confidentiality.

Chair of Governors Opportunity

We are also seeking a Chair of Governors.

This leadership role involves:

- Leading meetings of the Combined Governing Board.
- Working closely with the Executive Headteacher, Heads of School and Trust representatives.
- Helping governors focus on strategic priorities.
- Ensuring the board operates effectively and fulfils its responsibilities.
- Supporting the development of a strong and effective governing board.

Previous governance or board-level leadership experience would be advantageous but is not essential for the right candidate.

Time Commitment

Typically, governors commit to:

- Approximately 6 governing board meetings per academic year.
- Occasional committee meetings, school visits and governor training.

- Reading papers and preparing for meetings.

Meetings are held in the evening and can be attended in person or remotely where appropriate.

What We Offer

- A chance to make a meaningful contribution to education.
 - Comprehensive induction and training.
 - Ongoing support from experienced governors and school leaders.
 - Opportunities to develop leadership, governance and strategic skills.
 - The satisfaction of helping young people achieve their potential.
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Equality and Inclusion

Westwood College and Leek High School are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and particularly welcome governors who can help ensure our board reflects the diverse communities we serve.

Interested?

To express an interest or request an informal conversation about the role, please contact:

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