**Recruiting for Parent Governors for our Board**

Henley College Corporation is the governing body of the College, providing strategic direction and acting as a “critical friend” to the College’s leadership team and is actively seeking a new parent governor.  This is an exciting opportunity to join our Board of Governors really help make a difference working with a team of friendly, committed and community minded people who are passionate about the College to achieve its mission.

A Parent Governor is the parent or guardian of a student under the age of 19 who attends the College. They offer a different perspective on the college experience and can often bring valuable expertise and knowledge. Please note that once the student has left the College their term in office ceases.

The work of the Corporation and its committees is important and interesting. There is great value in ensuring that the structures are in place to deliver the best possible education and training to the students, now and in the decades to come.

Parent Governors should have an interest in the education of young adults and The Henley College in particular and a commitment to promoting safeguarding , equality and diversity.

Parent Governors need to be able to attend committee and Corporation board meetings. In particular they will join one of the four committees and these meetings occur once per term and generally last one to two hours. Full board meetings of which there are five during the year, last around two hours and take place in the evening.

 In addition, it is expected that Governors will read the papers relevant to the meetings in advance and be willing and able to contribute to the discussion of the issues raised. Moreover they are expected at all times to behave with integrity in carrying out their duties and to be able to maintain confidentiality where required.

Potential candidates should note that a public declaration of financial interests is required from all Corporation members and should they be successful they will also be expected to undergo an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For more information about becoming a Parent Governor please contact the Clerk, Jacky Gearey.  Email; jgea@henleycol.ac.uk or telephone 01491 634312.