

## **Join our team...**

Want to **make a difference** in your community, **enhance education** and opportunities for local children?

If the answer is **yes**, then **we want to hear from you!**

### **Who we are:**

We are a dynamic Multi Academy Trust (MAT) who aim to educate, support and nurture all of our students equally so they can achieve their full potential and achieve their ambitions and goals.

There are six schools within our MAT: **Callerton Academy, Gosforth Academy, Gosforth Junior High Academy, Great Park Academy, Jesmond Park Academy and North Gosforth Academy**, and we are currently responsible for the education and personal development of over 5,500 young people.

### **What we need:**

We are currently looking for new people to join the Board of Trustees and the Academy Advisory Groups. By joining our team, you'll help set the strategic vision and direction for the organisation and our schools, help to approve and monitor the budgets, and hold the senior leadership teams to account by providing strategic management, challenge and accountability.

### **Find out more:**

For more information, or to have an informal conversation about our available positions, please contact:

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### **Closing date for interest:**

**28th February 2023**



### **Why you should join our Group governance team:**

Our current volunteers tell us that the benefits of being a Trustee or Academy Advisor are extensive, both personally and for the community at large. Using and developing your skills in a board-level environment you'll:

- Be able to make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures
- Get the chance to make a real difference to young people and to give something back to your local community
- Find the role hugely rewarding, yet challenging, joining the largest volunteer workforce in the country with over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England

Our Trustees and Academy Advisors come from all walks of life; they might be parents, staff, members of the local community or business, or simply have an interest in education. We have a strong existing team, so we're looking for people who offer a diversity of knowledge, skills, and experience to ensure balance across our academies. You'll work in partnership with academy staff with the aim of providing the highest possible standards of education and to help all children reach their potential. Governance can be a rewarding, enjoyable and stimulating experience and can give you an opportunity to contribute your skills and develop new ones.

### **What will be expected of you:**

Trustees and Academy Advisors must be prepared to adopt the Nolan principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Trustees and Academy Advisors are voluntary roles and therefore not paid. The average time commitment is five to eight hours per month, although it will vary depending on the needs of the academy and the role. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits. Like magistrates or members of a jury, those involved in school governance have a right to reasonable time off work for their public duties, although this may be unpaid. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring check will need to take place, for any appointment, in line with the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance.

### **How to apply:**

To apply, please send a CV to the Chair of Trustees, George Snaith, at [george.snaith@ga.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:george.snaith@ga.newcastle.sch.uk) Following receipt of your CV, a meeting with the Chair of Trustees will be arranged.

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