



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parent

## Election of Parent Governors

Five nominations have been received for the two Parent Governor vacancies and the names of these parents are listed overleaf, together with their personal statements. Each parent in the school is entitled to vote and, as there are two vacancies, each parent is invited to register **two** votes on the ballot paper.

Only the parents of a pupil currently registered at the school may vote. For the purpose of the election of a Parent Governor, "Parent" is defined for the purposes of the Constitution Regulations as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 19." It includes a person who the child lives with or who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

Instructions:

1. Place an 'X' against up to **two** names on the ballot sheet overleaf (one vote per candidate).
2. Put the completed ballot sheet into a blank envelope and seal it.  
**Please do not sign the ballot paper or this first envelope.**
3. Put this envelope into a second envelope.
4. **On the second envelope write your name in BLOCK LETTERS**, plus the names of all of your children attending Beaumont and their form groups, and your signature.
5. Please return the envelope to the school office by the closing date. We will record the fact that you have voted to ensure eligibility and then place the unmarked envelope in the ballot box.

The closing date for the return of ballot papers is **10.00am on Thursday 17 November 2016** and the count will take place immediately afterwards in the presence of a Governor of the school.

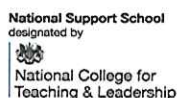
Where two ballot papers are to be returned from the same household (ie two parents are voting) please treat each ballot paper separately as above. The school will check all envelopes to ensure eligibility and the plain envelopes will then be opened and counted. In this way a secret ballot of eligible parents occurs. Please make additional copies of the ballot paper as required i.e. one ballot paper per parent. Please contact the school if you are unable to print/copy the ballot form.

The names of the successful candidates will be posted on the school website and will be communicated to parents in Beaumont Life.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Hitch (Mrs)  
Headteacher

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**BEAUMONT SCHOOL, ST ALBANS  
ELECTION OF TWO PARENT GOVERNORS NOVEMBER 2016**

**BALLOT PAPER**

There are two vacancies for Parent Governors.

**CANDIDATES (in alphabetical order) PLEASE INSERT 'X'**

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| <p><b>Dr Anna Battaglia-Geymonat – parent of two Year 8 students</b><br/>I made St Albans my home in 1999 arriving from Italy with my family. My identical twin boys now attend Year 8 at Beaumont. I'm a Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience at King's College London and I also teach for the Open University. I am a STEM ambassador UK, passionate about motivating school children, especially girls, to pursue careers in Science. As a Governor for Beaumont School I can bring my enthusiasm and skills in the area of teaching and learning.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Alison Curran – parent of one Year 8 and one Year 10 student</b><br/>I have 30 years' experience in financial, business, project and programme management. A qualified accountant I spent 18 years as a Management Consultant with IBM, PWC and Cooper and Lybrand. More recently I have been working as Director of Finance and Operations at a local prep school with responsibility for the entire back office. A serial volunteer; I was Chair of Governors at Oakwood Primary, run an under 13 football team and am Director of Junior Cricket at Old Albanians.</p>                       |  |
| <p><b>Mr David Prowse – parent of one Year 7 student</b><br/>I am a University lecturer and father of two, with a Year 7 pupil at Beaumont and another at Oakwood Primary School. As a lecturer, Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and admissions tutor I believe in supporting a transformational educational experience that enables students to achieve their potential. Community also matters, and I am involved in a local Neighbourhood plan. I am therefore motivated to contribute to the development and progress of Beaumont School, its staff, pupils and community.</p>             |  |
| <p><b>Mrs Karen Trounson – parent of one Sixth Form student</b><br/>I am a Parent Governor seeking re-election to constantly challenge and support Beaumont, utilising my detailed knowledge, skills and experience gained whilst sitting on the Community, Teaching &amp; Learning Committee. I understand the future challenges facing Beaumont of budget, curriculum and examination changes and the associated pressure these bring. I hold an MA in Human Resource Management and a Certificate in Counselling. I have two children, one in Year 12 and one who has just commenced a degree.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Tony Whitaker – parent of one Year 8 student</b><br/>My daughter is in Year 8 and I'm a Senior Education Design Manager with a locally based, national construction company. My daily contact with school management teams gives me a thorough understanding of the often forgotten 'behind the scenes' activities that are required to make an outstanding school and ensure the best for the pupils and staff. I have all the soft skills required of a School Governor and look forward to learning, developing and applying the additional ones required.</p>                               |  |

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