



The
Henrietta Barnett
School

Why become a School Governor at HBS?

School Governors play a vital role in shaping our school. By joining the governing board, you can help ensure our students receive the best education and opportunities to succeed.

What does a School Governor do?

Governors in state schools such as ours work with school leaders to:

- Set the long term vision and strategic direction of the school;
- Hold the school leadership to account to the quality of outcomes and provision;
- Oversee and monitor the school's budget, resources and statutory compliance;
- Promote the wellbeing and safety of students.

Governors do not run the school day-to-day - instead they help guide its long-term success.



What are the benefits of being a School Governor at HBS?

Becoming a governor is a rewarding way to contribute to your community.

- Making a real difference in girls' education
- Developing professional skills such as strategic, financial and leadership skills
- Gaining experience in governance and board level decision-making
- Broadening networks by working with a diverse team of professionals
- A sense of personal fulfilment from the experience of purpose and achievement

No previous governance experience is required - training and support are provided.

Who can become a School Governor?

- Local community members
- Professionals from any sector
- Alumnae of the school
- Individuals passionate about education.

The most important qualities are:

- Commitment
- Integrity
- Strategic thinking
- A willingness to ask questions and challenge constructively.



What is the time commitment?

Typically governors:

- Attend 4 main meetings in person and 3 committee meetings online per year
- Read papers in advance
- Occasionally visit the school

Most governors volunteer around 10-12 hours per term. Meetings typically take place outside traditional working hours.

Interested in becoming a School Governor?

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