



HARROGATE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
AN INDEPENDENT ACADEMY TRUST

To All Parents/Carers of Students

Dear Parents/Carers

24<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Election of One Parent Governor**

As more than one nomination has been received, it is necessary to hold a secret ballot as prescribed by article 54 of the articles of association of Harrogate Grammar School Academy Trust. The ballot paper is attached.

Each parent of a student on roll is entitled to vote for one candidate. If you cast more than one vote, your ballot paper is spoiled and will not count. When you have marked your paper, place it in a sealed envelope. Then place this inside a second sealed envelope (one for each parent who wishes to vote). The name(s) and form(s) of each of your children must then be printed *clearly and legibly* across the back of **only the outer envelope**.

The outer envelope should be addressed "Parent Governor Election 2013" on the front, and be returned to the school by **noon on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**. This can be done either by post, or via your child to Reception. If the ballot paper(s) are not returned in envelopes as prescribed, then they must be regarded as spoiled papers and not counted.

On receipt, the student name(s) on the outer envelope will be checked for entitlement to vote. The inner envelopes will then be placed unopened in a ballot box, to be counted subsequently by members of the Governing Body. This procedure will ensure that the ballot remains secret and that only persons entitled to vote have done so. Each candidate is entitled to be present for the count itself.

We have a number of students with older brothers and sisters, and there are different family patterns. It is therefore very complex to ensure that only one child per family is issued today with the papers. We are therefore continuing previous practice of issuing for every child, to ensure that no family is missed. There is no possibility of any parent being able to submit more than the maximum number of votes they are entitled to, because of the arrangements for verifying the outer envelope containing the ballot papers.

The successful candidate becomes Parent Governor immediately, and will be invited to the next meeting of the Full Governing Body to be held in November 2013.

Yours sincerely

**Mr R Sheriff**  
Headteacher

## Election of Parent Governor – Harrogate Grammar School

It is necessary for one Parent Governor place on the Governing Body to be filled by a ballot of all parents eligible to vote. Please cast your vote by placing an 'X' *against the name of your chosen candidate*. **If you cast more than one vote, then this paper has to be regarded as spoiled.**

Place X here	Candidate	Details
	Mr Nedal Abu-Alkhair	I live in Harrogate since 2008 and I used to live in Dusseldorf, Germany. I hold a Master Degree in Politics and I have different qualifications in Management and Leadership. My current job role is a Deputy Manager for two services in Harrogate for people with acute mental health problems.
	Mr Jonathan Godfrey	I have worked for over 20 years as a barrister based in Leeds. Prior to that I work as a lawyer in the corporate finance sector in London. I am a keen sportsman with a strong commitment to sport in general. My son is in Year 9.
	Mr Martin Lewis	I have previously served as a school governor. I have expertise in planning and governance, financial control, effective delivery and use of IT, quality assurance, team-building and relationship management. I have four children at HGS (Y7 to Y13) and actively participate in HGS events, having co-hosted four annual Quiz nights.
	Ms Liz Needleman	As Area Director of Business in the community, I work with businesses supporting them with their CSR strategy and programmes. A key element of this is how businesses can best engage with, and support, education, with a specific focus on improving the employability of the young people.
	Mr Ian Sugarman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant Paediatric Surgeon 24 years' experience working with children, including safeguarding issues</li> <li>• Honorary Secretary (2009-12) and Honorary Treasurer (2012-present) of British Association of Paediatric Surgeons (involving national policy writing and implementation, communication and organisational skills, charity commission reporting, and budget accountability).</li> <li>• Parent of new Year 7 child.....enthusiastic!</li> </ul>
	Mr Innes Thomson	Born in Edinburgh and trained as a civil engineer, I am currently North Yorkshire's Flood Risk Manager working with the Environment Agency and represent the EA as its media spokesperson during flood incidents. Three of my four children have enjoyed being education at HGS and two are still there!

**This ballot form must be placed in an inner and outer envelope as explained in my letter of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and returned to me at the school by noon on *Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013*. Your child should hand the envelope in to Reception, or you can post it to us.**

**R Sheriff**  
Headteacher