



8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Election of Parent governors**

I wrote to you recently to invite you to consider standing for election as a parent governor of this school. Since there have been more nominations than parent governor vacancies we now need to hold an election.

Attached to this letter is:

- a copy of the candidates' personal statements
- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)

Each parent/carers is entitled to one vote for each vacancy, irrespective of the number of children s/he has at the school. Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope by 12 noon on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (two weeks from the date of this letter).

Ballot papers should be placed in an inner unmarked envelope and then placed in an outer envelope clearly marked 'Parent Governor Election', bearing the **name and address of the voter, the name(s) of their child(ren)** and should **be signed across the seal**. Failure to do so may result in your vote not being counted.

### **Ballot papers should be returned to the school reception.**

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed I will write to you again to let you know the outcome. I would like to thank the parents for putting their names forward for this important role.

Yours sincerely

*Jon Barker*

Jon Barker  
Executive Principal

## Parent Election Ballot Form

Election of Parent governors      TONBRIDGE FEDERATION  
(HUGH CHRISTIE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE)

### CANDIDATES:

#### **Mrs Terri Daters**

I am a primary teacher, and have taught locally for 18 years, working with many children who are now at Hugh Christie. My daughter is in year 10 and continues to thrive. I have worked with the school on several transition events and serve on the Parent Forum. I am Senior Teacher, Staff Governor and Designated Safeguarding Lead in my own school and fully commend the strong teaching and pastoral support provided at Hugh Christie. I wish to join the governing body to use my professional background and understanding of teaching, learning and assessment to help lead the school forward.

#### **Dr Duncan Emerton**

My wish to become a Parent Governor stems from a desire to help achieve the best possible education experience for all children at HCTC, including my own; to give them a sound foundation for a happy and healthy life, and to provide guidance on further education and the world of work. I'm experienced in the academic world, having studied for a PhD and taught undergraduates at Kent University. I will also be highly (and visibly) supportive of school leadership, where I'm confident the right decisions are being made, but will not hesitate to challenge decisions if I have any doubts.

#### **Ms Elaine Johnson**

I have 2 girls at HCTC. I trained as an IDVA; working with families/children on all types of abuse. I currently work in Safeguarding; studying for a Mental Health Awareness qualification. I have experience of School Governance, have an excellent relationship with HCTC and enjoy being involved. I believe strongly in education but academic achievement should be balanced with strong Mental Health. Pupils are under huge pressure at school; it's vital they are looked after and given the skills to balance achievement with wellbeing. I feel that my experience/knowledge will be a great benefit to HCTC.

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### Election of Parent governors – Tonbridge Federation (Hugh Christie Technology College)

CANDIDATE	MARK AN 'X' TO INDICATE YOUR VOTE
Mrs Terri Daters	
Dr Duncan Emerton	
Ms Elaine Johnson	