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Dear Parents/Carers

**Chesterton Community College Election of Parent Governors**

We are pleased to announce that we have had an excellent level of interest in our parent governor vacancies and we are now proceeding to have a ballot to elect two parent governors. The candidates' brief statements are attached below; their names are (in alphabetical order):


**Fiorella Day-Dell'Olio**  
**Peter McEvoy**  
**Peter Rodgers**  
**Luke Turner**

As we said previously, we are conducting this election on-line using the email address we have registered for parents in the school database – you should receive your email invitation to vote by the end of the week which will include a link unique to you that you can use to vote. If you haven't received an email by the end of the week please check your Junk Mail.

If you cannot vote electronically, you can vote in person at school reception. All voting must be completed by 3.00pm on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

We would like to honour all the parents who have put their names forward. By doing so you have contributed to the health and vitality of the school, whether or not you are elected.

Thank you.

Headteacher 

Chair 

## **Candidate Statements (in alphabetical order by surname)**

### **Fiorella Day-Dell'Olio**

I am interested in becoming a governor at Chesterton Community College in connection with my broader interest in education and my daughter's recent entrance into the school in year seven. While she is in the school, I wish to take an active role in ensuring the delivery of quality education to all students in a positive, stimulating and congenial environment.

I have always had a keen interest in education and learning, including fifteen years of experience in university teaching and research. After completing my first degree in Social Science (with honours) and taking a PhD in Political Sociology from the London School of Economics, I lectured in Birmingham, Warwick, University of Florence and Cambridge; I was also a Research Fellow at the University of Oxford for one year (2001-2002). I am now moving into academic publishing and recently obtained an MA in publishing with distinction from Anglia Ruskin University. At Milton Road Primary School I have been part of the PTA Committee for two years and chaired the PTA in 2010-2011.

I shall bring to the table a broad range of skills and abilities including excellent project management and administrative skills, strong analytical abilities, and excellent communication and presentation skills. I wish to devote my skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to the critical support of the teaching staff and leadership team in the school while improving the learning experience for children, driving up standards, and facilitating constructive engagement and interaction between all stakeholders.

If appointed, I shall endeavour to establish robust relationships between the parents and children, the school teachers and administrators, and the local community through efficient communication and understanding of the needs and interests of all parties involved. I shall also endeavour to identify opportunities for improvement and, where appropriate, to suggest new measures to achieve desired outcomes.

Above all, I see this role as an opportunity to work with the other governors, school administrators and teachers, parents and children, and the wider community to make a positive contribution to the education of all children at Chesterton Community College during their formative years and to the enrichment of their lives.

### **Peter McEvoy**

I would like to be a parent governor as I am passionate about the values of state funded education, have a strong skill set, and am committed to making a positive difference to Chesterton Community College and the wider community. As a marketer with over 15 years of managerial experience I have developed strong strategy, planning and implementation skills. I would also welcome the opportunity to apply marketing research methodology in order to gain feedback from parents and apply my communication skills to help ensure all round visibility of the good work being carried out at the college.

As a local Cambridge resident for almost all of my life and as a father of two boys (year 9 and year 6) I am aware of some of the challenges faced by the pupils and parents and have been pleased with the good work carried out recently by the college. With family involved in education I am empathetic with the strains and needs of teaching and believe I can bring a balanced and pragmatic approach which will contribute towards educational progress at Chesterton Community College.

## **Peter Rodgers**

I have two children in year 7 at Chesterton, with another starting next year. I am standing for election as a Parent Governor because I think that I have a lot to offer and because I would find the role rewarding and fulfilling.

In particular I am keen to contribute to discussions about the future of the school as it responds to a number of major challenges, such as the new GCSEs, and opportunities, such as the proposal to sponsor the new school on the Darwin Green site.

I have a background in physics, and having worked in science publishing for many years, I am keenly aware of the importance of being able write clearly and express yourself clearly, and of having a range of academic interests.

In a professional capacity I am told that I am a good colleague and manager, and I like to think of myself as firm but fair in my dealings with other people. I am also used to recruiting staff and meeting deadlines, and have a low threshold for jargon and management-speak.

Outside family and work I enjoy rowing, reading and listening to music.

## **Luke Tunmer**

I am a parent of one child at Chesterton (Year 9), and my eldest finished at Chesterton earlier this year.

I have lived in Cambridge for more than twenty years and I see the school as a vital asset to our community. In my current job – working for a high-tech global electronics company – one of my roles is to manage a program which rewards and nurtures students from Cambridge University. With this background I obviously lean towards inspiring young scientific talent, but I also have a strong passion for the Arts and I believe that children need a broad education to give them as much choice as possible when deciding their future careers.

I have had experience with working on committees in a business environment, at local sport-club level, and at County sport associations. I am currently training to be an archery Coach, training children and adults, both able and those with disabilities.

Having had one one my children go all the way through Chesterton College I would like to use my experience to help shape the future direction of the college, which is why I am applying for the position of parent governor.