

Candidates for Parent Governor at Tarleton Academy, January 2018

Lindsey Freeman, parent of Tyler Blackmore in Yr 8

I think Tarleton Academy is an excellent school, delivering high quality learning opportunities both within, and outside, the classroom. My children's future is of the uppermost importance on my list of priorities, I have a Daughter in year 8 and a 10 year old son, I would be delighted to have the opportunity to make a difference to my children's education and to the education of the children as a whole.

Having both a Bachelor and Masters degree myself I am passionate about education and how vitally important it is to our children and their future. I understand the requirements of the role of parent governor and how it's essential to have a good working knowledge of the school in order to understand both its strengths and where there may be room for improvement. I would work with energy and enthusiasm to help maintain high standards and meet future challenges.

I believe that clear direction and leadership are key to an effective school governing body and therefore a successful school. As a successful conservation ecologist, predominantly working in Africa, I have a proven track record of managing teams and driving through change in some challenging times (and environments!). I believe that this experience would be of value to both the Governing Body and school alike.

Barry Hornsby, parent of Millie Hornsby in Yr 10 and Harry Hornsby in Yr 8

I am currently a supervisory manager within Lancashire Fire and rescue Service (LFRS). I have been a member of the FRS for over 20 years and prior to that I completed over 10 years in the armed forces. Academically I have a Masters in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and will complete a Law degree with the Open University in June 18.

Through my experience I have the ability to question evidence provided after careful scrutiny and have the aptitude and personality to question senior managers on the validity of it. In the community I am an on call fire fighter at Tarleton fire station as well as being a dementia champion carrying out Dementia Friends sessions, a subject I am very passionate about. I am passionate about the education that my children receive, but I am equally passionate about the standards the school sets, the status it has in the community, the quality of tuition the pupils receive and the schools Ofsted rating with regards to examination achievements.

Every pupil at the school deserves the opportunity to succeed, and it would make me immensely proud to be a part of the school structure that insists on the highest standards of professionalism coupled with making the learning journey enjoyable.

Graham Pilkington, parent of Jonathon Pilkington in Yr 8

I am applying to be a Parent Governor as I believe that young people should be provided the best possible opportunities and options for their future and schools, alongside families, play a large part in this.

We chose Tarleton Academy for our son's education due to the ethos and learning culture displayed to us from the start. There is a mutual respect between parents, teachers and pupils in the school, which is something we have been really impressed with and a culture I would like to grow further. I see this role as being a spokesperson for all parents, rather than driving an individual agenda so we can all achieve the best outcomes and opportunities for our children.

The skills I would bring to the role come from two angles. Firstly I am a Chartered Surveyor, with over 25 years' experience, and work as a Senior Development Surveyor managing large scale commercial development and regeneration projects. This involves overseeing a broad cross-range of disciplines on schemes from initial inception through to the completion of construction. I am involved in overseeing large budgets, cost management and planning.

Secondly I am an active Athletics Coach at a local, regional and national level, as well as Team Managing at International Level. I am a lead coach on the British Athletics Disability Programme and an athlete Mentor. I am also the England Athletics Lead Speed Coach in the North, working alongside other coaches to provide Mentoring opportunities and to represent them to improve coaching.

Emma Taylor, parent of Matthew Taylor Yr 11, another child to start in September 2018

I would like to apply for a position of parent governor as I have experience of working in and contributing to a school at secondary level; I live and work in this community and therefore am committed to seeing Tarleton Academy thrive.

I taught English at Kingsfold Christian School, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank for 5 years; this school was an independent school and closed in July 2017. My role involved preparing and teaching lessons, monitoring and tracking progress and maintain good behaviour. This role involved teamwork and good communication skills, which I am still using in my job.

In addition, my husband was chair of governors at this school so I understand the importance of encouraging and supporting the school in the challenge to maintain and improve standards.

My son transferred to the Academy at the end of year 10; I have been very pleased with the attention to detail in the transfer.

It is evident that Tarleton Academy is progressing in its academic performance and overall student achievement; I would value the opportunity to be part of this ongoing progress and feel I could contribute to developing the school's status within our community.

I work at a local business: my job is part time and flexible so I would be able to manage the additional requirements of this role.

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There are 2 vacancies for parent governors. You may vote for 2 candidates, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

Name of Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your vote
Lindsey Freeman	
Barry Hornsby	
Graham Pilkington	
Emma Taylor	