

**[Sent via ParentMail]**

27 April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Parent Trustee vacancy**

The Chair of Trustees wrote to you on 8th February 2023 to invite nominations for the vacancy for a Parent Trustee. As we have received more candidates than available vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. Candidate statements for each of the four candidates are attached to this letter for your review.

Along with this letter, you will have also received a ballot form with names of the candidates. You may vote for up to **one** candidate as there is only one vacancy available.

You should:

- Read the candidate statements which are attached with this letter.
- Click the appropriate box on the form alongside the candidate's name you wish to vote for. Do not mark the ballot form in any other way.
- Press send on the completed ballot form to submit your response to Westfield Academy anonymously.
- Note that the ballot form must be submitted no later than Friday, 19th May 2023.
- Be aware that the use of this system will provide confidential responses to the voting process.

If required, you may collect a printed ballot paper from our reception office and return your marked ballot in a sealed envelope, again to our reception, no later than Friday, 19th May 2023.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mrs Hart by email at [headspa@westfield.academy](mailto:headspa@westfield.academy).

Yours sincerely,



Tim Body  
**Headteacher**

## Candidate statement

<b>Candidate name:</b>	Eleni Chrysopoulou
<b>Candidate statement:</b>	<p>I graduated a very long time ago, in Art History and Theory from the University of Essex in Colchester and built a career mainly but not exclusively in the higher education sector, focusing in managing projects, initiative campaigns, strategy planning and most recently residential property investments.</p> <p>I believe strongly in the importance of a broad education, the impact school can have, and the difference it can make to a young person's life. As a family, we chose Westfield for our 2 children (in year 7 and Sixth Form) because of its ethos, being a non-selective school, its "can do" attitude, and the support it gives to its pupils in achieving their goals.</p> <p>I have served as a Governor at a local primary for the last 8 years and understand the commitment required in terms of time and training. I am keen to support the school and its staff but at the same time I am not afraid to ask the difficult questions.</p> <p>I am hoping to use my knowledge, professional skills and experience to further Westfield's strategic objectives and support its aims and vision.</p>

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**Signed:** Eleni Chrysopoulou

**Date:** 19/04/2023

## Candidate statement

<b>Candidate name:</b>	Amanjot Kaur
<b>Candidate statement:</b>	<p>Being a parent of the student of Westfield Academy automatically imbibes a sense of responsibility I hold towards the school of my child.</p> <p>I totally understand that the appointment of Trust Board comes with a sense of responsibility and commitment one has to do with the school and with oneself. I believe my past experience of working in the educational sector and with students is aligned to the current role for which I am submitting my nomination.</p> <p>As far as my professional journey goes, I have the experience of running my own educational institute. It gave me an insight into what all goes in the administration, marketing, safeguarding of an environment that involves working directly or indirectly with young budding minds. This is something which I learned on my own, and I can apply the same learnings to the Trust Board role. I am more than willing to undertake training and develop the skills required for the smooth functioning under this role.</p> <p>With my varied teaching experience, I can bring to the table a two-fold approach of managing the student needs through the eyes of parents as well as teachers. In the UK, presently I am voluntarily teaching Punjabi Language in Sikh Gurudwara as I am passionate in applying my skills and experience for the greater good of the society.</p> <p>I believe our future is in the hands of the young students. So if they are given an environment in their school where they can grow and flourish, they can brighten the world with their colourful imagination. I would love to support and work for these young stars and the school alike.</p> <p>I am currently a homemaker with the required bandwidth to support myself in this role.</p>

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**Signed:** AMANJOT KAUR

**Date:** 21-Apr-2023

## Candidate statement

<b>Candidate name:</b>	Suraj Krishnan Kunju
<b>Candidate statement:</b>	<p>As a parent of a child attending this school and of a former student who has excelled at Westfield and gone on to study medicine at university, I have a vested interest in ensuring that our children receive the best possible education and that the school operates in a way that is transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of all students.</p> <p>I bring a range of skills and experiences to this position that I believe will be valuable in contributing to the work of the board. Professionally, I work as a Nurse Practitioner in the NHS which has me equipped with a plethora of skills I can bring to the Board. As a frontline worker, I have developed excellent communication, problem-solving, and analytical skills. I am confident that I can use these skills to contribute to the Board's decision-making process and ensure that the school continues to move in the right direction.</p> <p>Furthermore, I have experience as a Parent Governor and Anti-Bullying Lead at my child's previous school which has allowed me to be familiar with the responsibilities involved.</p> <p>I also have experience serving on other Boards and Committees, including as a Trustee of a local charity and as the Housing Board Director of a private estate. These roles have enabled to be in touch with the local community and have a deep understanding of the day-to-day challenges that students and their families face.</p> <p>I can assure the parents / carers of students at Westfield that I will give it my all, making sure our children have a safe and secure environment to not only learn in, but also to thrive in and reach their full potential.</p>

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**Signed:** Suraj Krishnan Kunju

**Date:** 21/04/2023

## Candidate statement

<b>Candidate name:</b>	Ali Sumar
<b>Candidate statement:</b>	<p>Dear fellow parents,</p> <p>As a parent who cares deeply about the education and well-being of our children, I would like to express my interest in becoming a Parent Trustee for our school.</p> <p>I possess a range of skills that I believe would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the Trust Board. For starters, I am highly organised and detail-oriented, with good negotiation skills and a keen eye for budgeting and numbers. I am also a good listener and able to effectively communicate with diverse groups of people, which I believe will be invaluable in ensuring that the board is responsive to the needs of all members of our school community. I have gained these skills over 20 years in the Live Events and Technical Production Industry delivering projects on 6 continents.</p> <p>I have also been involved in a community Sunday School as the Head of the Parent Communication Board (PCB). This has given me a wealth of experience in working collaboratively with other parents, teachers, and community members to achieve common goals. Additionally, I do a lot of volunteering both locally and abroad, which has helped me develop strong communication and problem-solving skills.</p> <p>I recognise that being a Parent Trustee is a serious responsibility, and I am committed to doing my best to ensure that our school continues to thrive. In addition to my existing skills, I am also willing to learn and undertake training to help develop my abilities further. I strongly believe that my skills and experience will be useful in ensuring that the board remains effective and responsive to the needs of our school community.</p> <p>And now, for some related humour: Why was the math book so sad? Because it had too many problems. But in all seriousness, I am passionate about serving as a Parent Trustee and making a positive difference in our school. I am committed to bringing my skills, experience, and willingness to learn to the table.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my candidacy.</p>

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Signed: 

**Date:** 19/04/2023