



Alleyn's

Governor Opportunities

Voluntary

Information for Applicants

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The School's Place in Dulwich

Alleyn's is a vibrant, co-educational independent day school with around 1,300 pupils aged 4-18. Set in the heart of Dulwich, close to the centre of London, Alleyn's is one of the most successful co-educational schools in the United Kingdom, delivering academic, pastoral, and co-curricular excellence in a welcoming and friendly environment. The school traces its roots back to Edward Alleyn's College of God's Gift which was founded in 1619 and was the first major London school to go co-educational in 1976.



Our Values (the Alleyn's rock!)

Alleyn's values intellectual interests and co-curricular activities; it is open to new ideas and is warm and inclusive, enabling pupils to develop their potential, while making lasting friendships and enjoying life to the full. The school is oversubscribed at every point of entry and has a reputation for a creative spirit derived from its location, its history as a pioneer of co-education and its relaxed yet purposeful ethos.

The School has recently articulated its longstanding values: respect, opportunity, curiosity, courage and kindness, (summarized in the memorable ROCCK acronym) and these values underpin the School's activity and approach.

Respect

Opportunity

Curiosity

Courage

Kindness

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors

We are currently looking for committed volunteers to join our Board of Governors. Led by the Chair of Governors, the Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the School, defining the School's educational and co-curricular offering and ensuring the School's continued long-term financial stability. In delivering on these overall objectives, the Board seeks to recruit staff of the highest calibre and to ensure that the estate and its buildings remain fit to deliver an excellent 21st century education. The Board works as a team to deliver on the School's commitment to offer an outstanding holistic education, in a safe and secure environment.



Post Outline

The Governors of Alleyn's are keen to identify outstanding individuals to join the Governing Board.

Each governor is appointed for a five-year term, with the possibility of re-appointment for a further term. The Board is seeking individuals prepared to make the necessary time commitment to fulfil the role effectively. Importantly, this will include attendance at Board and Committee Meetings, an annual Strategy Away Day, and a few key events throughout the academic year, such as Founder's Day.

In appointing new Governors, the Board reviews the skills and experience available among serving Governors, particularly with regard to educational, financial, legal, charitable and commercial skills; the Board seeks to have a diversity of Governors.



Person Specification

We anticipate that vacancies to join the Governing Board will exist through the next one to four years. With this in mind, we are particularly keen to receive applications from individuals with the following areas of expertise:

- Financial accountancy; knowledge and awareness of charity accounting rules and regulations will be an advantage
- Buildings and estate management, including management of the design, construction, refurbishment and operation of major buildings
- Tertiary education; ideally with extensive awareness of admissions policy
- Technology; ideally with experience in the strategic planning and use of technology for the delivery of education
- International (non-UK) secondary education; ideally with experience at a senior executive level

Arrangements for the Appointment

Applications are encouraged from individuals from a broad range of sectors who have relevant experience, with a commitment to, and empathy with, the wider educational and charitable mission of Alleyn's. We are committed to the Governing Board being representative of our diverse community and we particularly value and need applications from all backgrounds.

If you would like to be considered as a future governor of Alleyn's School, please write in confidence to the Chair of Governors (care of **clerk@alleyns.org.uk**) outlining why you are interested in the role, your relevant qualifications and when you would become available. Please include your qualifications and career history (including any non-executive roles), and reference any connection you may have to Alleyn's.

Further information on Alleyn's can be found at <https://www.alleyns.org.uk/>

Alleyn's (charity no. 1161864) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS.



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