



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mrs Alison Sherman

28 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Please can I encourage you to consider our current vacancy for a parent governor. Governors play a vital part in providing strategic leadership and accountability in the academy and being a parent governor will give you the opportunity to make a real difference to the education and wellbeing of our students.

We are fortunate to have a very skilful and experienced governing body and would welcome a parent governor who can bring their own unique experiences, perspectives and insights into decision making in the interests of the academy community. The closing date for nominations is this Thursday 31 January.

I would also like to draw your attention to the term dates as published on our website. For the academic year 2019/20 the October half term is slightly later than usual, this is to ensure that our holiday periods are in line with other local schools. Please will you ensure that your holidays are only planned to coincide with the academy holiday dates. It is obviously detrimental to a student's education to be absent from school and as such it is imperative that holidays are not taken during term time.

Finally I am pleased to confirm our much improved position regarding external examination results. Based on the progress our students made in the 2018 GCSE results we are ranked fourth within St Helens Local Authority, outperforming our local competitors.

Post 16, our students performed in line with national average at A Level and above average in vocational qualifications, second best in the authority, again outperforming all our competitor schools.

The deadline for applications to our sixth form for September 2019 is **Friday 8 March**.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A M Sherman
Principal

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