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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about a range of opportunities that have arisen to support the effective governance at both New College Doncaster and The Hayfield School. We particularly encourage parents and carers of New College Doncaster students to consider whether they might be interested in getting involved, acting to provide oversight, support, guidance and challenge.

Governance Opportunity at New College Doncaster

The trust is looking to appoint 1 individual to join the New College Doncaster **Advisory Group**.

The Advisory Group considers and discusses issues such as:

- Student progress and college outcomes
- The quality and development of teaching and learning
- The college's progress with respect to improvement plans
- Student attendance, behaviour and retention
- Student support, safeguarding, SEND provision and careers / higher education guidance

This small group of advisors meets once per half term, along with the Principal. Over the last year, meetings have been online, and usually take place at 4.00pm for approximately 1.5 hours.

If you would like to find out more about getting involved with the Advisory Group please email Jennie Thorpe: jennie.thorpe@nclt.ac.uk.

Governance Opportunities at The Hayfield School

Our friends at The Hayfield School, immediately adjacent to New College Doncaster, are also looking to appoint 4 individuals to two different tiers of governance.

The Hayfield School is looking to appoint 2 individuals to its **Board of Trustees** (governors). Trustees consider and discuss, with the Head Teacher and senior leaders, issues such as

- Pupil progress and school outcomes
- The quality and development of teaching and learning
- The school's progress with respect to improvement plans
- Pupil attendance and behaviour
- Pupil support, safeguarding, SEND provision and careers guidance
- Review and approval of key school policies
- Oversight of the school's finances and audit arrangement

Additionally, The Hayfield School is looking to appoint 2 individuals to its **Board of Members**. The Board of Members usually has 2-3 short meetings each year and their role is primarily to appoint and remove trustees, to delegate powers to the board of trustees, and to ensure that the governance of the school is effective.

If you would like to find out more about getting involved with The Hayfield School's **Board of Trustees** or its **Board of Members**, please email Heather Rose: hre@thehayfieldschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal