



**ST ALBAN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL**  
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14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Re: NEW PARENT GOVERNOR ON OUR GOVERNING BODY**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to announce that further to the request for parents to express an interest in the role of Parent Governor, Michelle Stevens kindly put herself forward to assume this responsibility on our Governing Body.

As there was only one nomination received by the deadline of midday yesterday (13<sup>th</sup> September 2017), there is no need for an election and so Michelle is therefore re-appointed to the position of Parent Governor until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

For your information, you may read her expression of interest overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

*David Hayman*

**Father David Hayman**  
**Chair of the Governing Body**



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**Personal Statement from Michelle Stevens**

Hello, my name is Michelle Stevens. Some of you will already know me or my family, since I have had children at St. Alban's now for over 8 years. My youngest sons, Calon and Rhys, are currently in years 11 and 9. I have also served as a Parent Governor at St. Alban's for the last 4 years, and I am writing to ask if you would consider re-electing me for a further term of office.

**Why vote for me?**

- I have a number of years of experience and training in the role; during the school year Sept 2016-2017, I was Vice Chair of the Governing Body at St Alban's, as well as Chair of the School Performance and Improvement Committee. This committee has oversight of the education our young people receive at school and of the continuing mission to raise standards and results.
- During my years as a Governor, I have attended many training events and served on a number of other committees including those dealing with finances, recruitment, complaints, disciplinary issues, redundancies, performance management and strategic planning and development. Continuity of Governors, where possible, helps a Governing body function optimally.
- To perform the role of Governor to its full extent, it can be necessary to commit a significant amount of time. I am prepared to continue to make that commitment.
- I have previously served as Parent Governor at Padre Pio Primary, as well as at St Alban's RC High and I am aware of the changing educational context, both nationally and locally.
- I have campaigned against the removal of sixth forms from Torfaen schools, which will remove student/parental choice for 16-19 year olds.
- I have no issues with asking searching questions and have not been afraid to challenge the status quo, if I think that it is in students' best interests.
- Having a degree and postgraduate degree in Psychology, I have a particular interest in the development and attainment of children and young people and how we can help every student realise their full potential. Having a large family myself, (we have 5 children and 2 grandchildren so far), of varied ages and aptitudes, I have a good grasp of what our young people require from their schools in today's challenging world.

Having got to know the school and many of the students well over the last 8 years, it would be a privilege to have the opportunity to continue to work in the best interests of our young people, through the role of Parent Governor. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

*Michelle Stevens*