

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I wrote to you on in September to invite nominations for the vacancy for a Parent Councillor.

As we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold an election. To cast your vote online, please click [HERE](#). If you need a hard copy of the ballot form, please contact the school office.

The closing date for casting your vote is **Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 3pm.**

You may vote for one candidate, regardless of how many children you have at the academy.

You may only submit one ballot form.

In the event of a draw, the Academy Council will select the candidate whose skills and experience align most closely with the needs of the Academy Council.

Please find a short bio submitted by each candidate below: -

Candidate 1 Paul Huges

I am Maya's dad and would like to put myself forward as a Parent Councillor because I care about the school community and want to help represent the views of parents and carers. I have practical experience from running my own business and working with people from different backgrounds. I also understand that parents can have different needs and perspectives, and I would always try to listen fairly and communicate clearly. I would like to support the school, contribute positively to discussions and help ensure parents feel their views are heard.

Candidate 2 – Mat Barnes

I want to leverage my own academic journey, lessons learnt from my career in London and my experience of being a single father to help improve how the school operates in a world which is constantly changing.

Candidate 3 – Chris Cox

As an experienced former governor at Hans Price and Winterstoke Hundred academies, I understand how to support and challenge school leadership effectively. With my daughter in Year 6 moving to a trust secondary school (Broadoak or Hans Price), I am deeply committed to the long-term success of the Cabot Learning Federation. I want to join the council to use my background to maintain Uphill's recent 'Outstanding' Ofsted standards. I will act as a collaborative, approachable link for parents, ensuring excellent educational outcomes, welfare, and smooth primary-to-secondary transitions for all our children.

Candidate 4 – Caroline Jamieson

I am currently a parent councillor and enjoy my role within the committee. I enjoy volunteering in the school community and as well as being a councillor I'm an active member of the PTFA. I work with children and young people in my role as a school health assistant. I'm studying for my nursing degree.

Yours sincerely

Sue Burns

Clerk to the Academy Council