



Bexhill 6th Form College

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The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Student Council serve on the College's Corporation for a term of office of one year. The role of Student Governor is both an important and responsible one; it is your chance to play a very active role in the College and to be involved in key decision making.

The Student Governors attend four Corporation meetings each year and there will be the opportunity to attend other events. At the Corporation meetings, you will be able to put forward views from a student perspective when appropriate. The College exists for its students so the views of its students are important to ensure that their interests are reflected in the decision making processes that take place. The Student Governors also report annually on the activities of the Student Council for their year of office.

Student Governors will receive an induction from the Chair of Corporation, the Clerk and Principal because it can be daunting to attend a formal meeting of Governors and get to grips with the papers and the issues. They will also receive ongoing support from the Clerk and the Principal particularly before meetings. The Principal, Vice-Principal or Clerk will meet Student Governors a week before each Corporation meeting to go through the agenda and papers and are available between these times to provide ongoing support.

Becoming a Student Governor is a very valuable experience which also enhances any university application or employment CV. However a Student Governor will have to balance their responsibilities as a Governor with ensuring they continue to work hard in their studies.

What the Student Governor will be expected to do:

- Attend induction and other Student Governor support sessions.
- Read committee papers and reports, treating them as confidential.
- Sign the Code of Conduct for Corporation members.
- Attend meetings and develop meeting skills.
- Participate, contribute, be positive, constructive and willing to consider new ideas.
- Report back to the Student Council.
- Ensure they are not distracted from applying themselves to their studies.

The responsibilities of the Corporation include:

- Determine the educational character and mission of the College.
- Ensure that the College fulfils its mission.
- Ensure the College is solvent and its assets safeguarded.
- Approve annual budgets. (Student Governors are not able to vote on financial issues).

All members of the Corporation have general and collective responsibilities both to the Corporation and the College. Governors should support and share responsibility for decisions taken collectively at formal meetings and respect the Code of Conduct.