

## **BECOME THE STUDENT VOICE OF THE COLLEGE!**

### **Franklin Sixth Form College has two vacancies for Student Community Governors.**

Franklin Sixth Form College is governed by a Board of Directors which oversees the work of the College, sets its strategic direction, ensures the efficient and effective use of resources and approves the College's annual budget, leaving the day-to-day management to the Principal and CEO and the College Leadership Team.

Students elected are full members of the Local Governing Body and have the same collective powers as any other Local Community Governor.

All representatives sitting on the governing body are expected to think and act in the best interests of the College, meaning that Student Community Governors are appointed in their own right as individuals and not as representatives of the entire student body. However, Student Community Governors can draw upon their own knowledge and experience as members of the student body and the community in order to exercise judgement, provide student perspective and inform others. They are the vital link between the Trust and the College.

Student Community Governors are also not there to comment solely on student matters; they should be interested in all aspects of the work of the governing body, for example, quality, strategy and finance. Having said that, the Student Community Governor can bring first-hand knowledge of the experience of being a student and are highly valued by the other Governors for providing this perspective. Student Community Governors have the opportunity to comment on College policies and plans in order to improve the student experience and outcomes.

Student Governors would be expected to attend three meetings a year, each starting at 5.00 p.m. and lasting around two hours, and the option also exists to sit on one of the Trust specialist Committees. As well as this, they would need to prepare for these meetings by reading the papers and thinking about questions to ask the College Leadership Team. New Student Governors undertake induction training so they can become as effective as possible as soon as possible. There is also a Strategy Day and follow up meeting each year and, course work permitting, Student Community Governors would be expected to attend these.

The role of Student Governor is worthwhile and rewarding for those who want to make a positive difference to Franklin. The closing date for expressions of interest is **midday on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2026**. If you think this could be you, then please contact [GovernanceProfessional@franklin.ac.uk](mailto:GovernanceProfessional@franklin.ac.uk).