

Candidate Statements for November 2017 Parent Governor Elections

Tom Engel

Who I am

Dad of Y7 and Y10. Worked for Pearson/Edexcel, and former Ministerial Adviser at Education Department, so I know my way around exam reform, education policy and funding pressures. Running corporate communications for many organisations, from big companies to the Natural History Museum, has given me bags of leadership experience.

I've lived in Camden for many years, but also in Africa and Asia, which has helped me learn that my view is not the only view.

What I'd bring

I'm informal and approachable; a priority would be ensuring the governing body represents the full diversity of CSG families.

I'd uphold the unique and precious values of the school, but bring new ideas and friendly challenge. Most importantly, I'd be really proud to represent you, and would work my socks off – so thanks for considering me, and if you give me your vote, I promise it won't be wasted.

Caroline Fertleman

I wish to become a parent governor of Camden School for Girls as I feel I have a skill set that would be useful for the governing body. As a consultant paediatrician locally for 12 years I have a great deal of experience of working with teenagers both with chronic conditions but also working at the interface with mental health. I also have a number of educational leadership roles within UCL. I am an invited speaker nationally and internationally and lecture in post graduate education particularly in the fields of safeguarding, paediatrics and medical education. I regularly work with stakeholders to deliver a range of projects which I see to fruition. Additionally, I support many individuals and teams within work and outside. I have published books for the lay public on parenting and several medical textbooks. I am versatile in my approach and committed to my core values of caring and compassion.

Jessica Jacobs

I am a geographer and filmmaker based at Queen Mary University of London. My daughter is in Year 11 currently studying for the GCSEs. I live in a housing cooperative and am passionately committed to working for the local community, whether it be related to education, culture and social housing. As the parent of a daughter of mixed heritage I am particularly interested in promoting Equality and Diversity and would very much welcome the opportunity to work with the school to ensure that all children from all backgrounds can benefit from positive and welcoming support so they can truly excel in all fields. While I confess I am an academic myself, I know that Camden mostly has that covered. Rather I think I can offer a view that promotes the value of gaining [practical skills in a wide range of fields, and the importance of developing emotional intelligence.