

# Walsall Academy



## Parents' Advisory Council Brief

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Academy has established an Advisory Council which is a body to provide advice, information and support to the Head and Governors. This assistance enables the Academy to implement its aims and objectives effectively.

What matters most at the Academy is the quality of education available to the young people it serves. It naturally follows, therefore, that all who are able to improve this, such as teachers, students, parents/guardians, industrialists and community personnel, should be afforded the opportunity to contribute in a coordinated and effectively managed way. The Advisory Council is one of the mechanisms in place which helps secure continued improvement.

Additionally, the opportunity of involving members of the Academy and the wider community fits well with the ethos of the school.

The Advisory Council provides a forum for involving the wider community. Therefore the Head will, where necessary, co-opt members of the local community to the Council to assist in its work.

## **AIMS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

To advise the Governors, Head and the School Management of ways in which the learning opportunities for the student can be enriched ie.

Academic  
Personal  
Physical

Vocational  
Social  
Etc.

To advise the Head or relevant Senior Manager on the development of contacts with the community.

To advise the Head or relevant Senior Manager on the community use of the premises.

To organise events to raise funds for the purpose of extending the learning opportunities for students.

To bring to the attention of the Head or relevant Senior Manager any concerns relevant to the development of the Academy or its students.

To advise the Head or relevant Senior Manager on policy formation as is reasonably requested

Eg.

Health and Sex Education  
Behaviour Policy

Equal Opportunities  
Etc.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The constituent groups involved in the life of the Academy should be represented.

Head	Chairman
Director of Finance	Treasurer
Support Staff	Secretary
Governors	
Parents	
Community	Coopted by the Head as required

To maintain the effective contribution to the life of the Academy the Head will keep the membership of the Advisory Council under review.

Up to twenty parents/guardians will be elected to the Advisory Council. Due regard will be given to achieve representation from the inner and outer catchment areas and the various age groups within the school.

Quorum for meetings will be chairman + 50% of membership.

All election procedures will be coordinated by the Head.

Elections will be held every two years.

Meetings will be once per term.

Non attendance at three consecutive meetings will result in automatic termination of membership of the Council.

## **REGISTERED CHARITY**

The Parents' Advisory Council Fund Raising Sub Committee, is a registered charity Number 1112416 and as such all elected members of the Council are trustees of the charity and are therefore responsible for upholding the constitution adopted by the Council on 11 October 2005.

All Council members should have their own copy of the constitution. A copy of the constitution is available to parents/guardians on request.

## **THE ADVISORY COUNCIL BRIEF**

To develop community contacts

- community groups and services
- senior citizens
- parents

To advise and assist on student activities

- curriculum policies
- sports events
- social activities
- school visits

To advise on community use of premises

- security
- sporting events
- drama
- costings

To organise social functions and fund raising

- parents social events
- students social activities

To monitor and continually improve the Standards for Students

- listen to parents views
- encourage parents to use the systems in place
- raise issues for communication and improvement at the council meetings

To help in the development and preparation of Academy policies

- give your views as a parent
- use your expertise to help the Academy

To advise on calendar events

## CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

