

ACADEMY COUNCIL UPDATE

November 2021

Academy Council Meetings – A Parent /Carer Centered Approach

Our school is a part of the Paradigm Trust allowing us to make key decisions at a trust level. This is of paramount importance to our school. This means we are always consulted on decisions that have a direct impact on Culloden Academy.

The Academy Council acts very much like a communication and advisory body, which represents pupils, parents and carers interests. A designated Director of the Trust, a Link Director, is invited to attend meetings to ensure there is a two-way communication between the Council and the Trust.

The Formation of the Academy Council has many positive benefits such as satisfying the desire to increase parental / carer engagement within the school. Our meetings are designed to be less formal, they discuss topics which are specific to the needs of our school and are arranged at a more convenient time for both working and non-working parents to attend.

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the following five applicants have been elected to serve as Academy Council members for a two-year term of office;

➤ **Khalid Miah** – I am a serving police officer for the metropolitan police in the London borough of Newham. Working with young people as a response team officer, I work closely with schools and social services on a day to day basis. I am responsible for safeguarding and preventing child care/welfare for concerns and promoting positive behaviour via referrals and extensive external agencies. Excited and looking forward to starting my role here at Culloden as an Academy Council member.

➤ **Mohammed Rahman (Vice Chair)** – I am a chartered accountant currently heading up the Government's COVID19 Finance Operations function and serving as a Director for a company that provides housing services to the north of England. I have lived within Tower Hamlets all my life and have previously worked and served as a school governor in multiple schools within the borough.

➤ **Yuting Wang (Jenny)** – I have a 6-year-old boy in Y1 enjoying learning at Culloden and making many friends. I joined the Academy council to serve and support the school, where children would look forward to going every morning to learn, have fun and be proud of it

➤ **Sucheta Ashish (Chair)** – I have a son who is in Y4 at Culloden Primary. This is my Second term as Academy Council member and I am excited to dedicate some time looking after the schools Academy council and make parents representation at the council. Professionally, I am a qualified accountant and am a full time banking job. I understand

it is very important that all parents work together to make our school and education standards better. I urge you all to make every effort to join the coffee mornings and Academy council meetings to make yourself heard. Thanks for your support over the past 2 years and I look forward to a very engaging and productive term for the next two years.

- **Monzo Ara Khatun** - I served as an AC member last term, excited to be given the chance for another 2 years. Education is the backbone for our children and I want to help any way I can for the parents of our school. I hope all parents will support me in my role



WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Academy Council meets every half-term and is welcome to all parents and carers. We are proud of our Ofsted rated 'Outstanding school' and as parents and carers, you can build on this by attending our meetings, listening to how the school is run and most importantly add value through your views and suggestions.

This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and share what you would like to see in our school.

An anonymous suggestion box is located in the main playground where you can leave you suggestions, ideas or comments about the school. You can also leave ideas on items you would like to see on the next agenda that we can collectively discuss.

The next meeting date is yet to be confirmed, we will inform all parents/carers when one is scheduled. These meeting s will also be advertised in the fortnightly newsletters, the classroom windows, school website and in the form of a text reminder.

