

A photograph of a man in a white shirt and blue vest sitting at a table with several children. The man is looking towards the children and smiling. The children are also looking towards him. In the background, there is a large mural of a city scene with a river, buildings, and a red double-decker bus.

# Appointment of Foundation Governors

## Portal Trust – Stepney All Saints School

# About Stepney All Saints

Stepney All Saints CofE Secondary School sits in the heart of Stepney, Tower Hamlets, and serves over 1,500 children aged 11–19.

Stepney All Saints School upholds high standards in discipline, behaviour, and academic performance. The school's vision that "we will achieve excellence and inspire generations the All-Saints Way," reflects its commitment to vigour, opportunity, community, and knowledge, supported by exceptional pastoral care.

The School was rated Outstanding by OFSTED in 2021. In 2018, it was awarded Outstanding in its inspection of its effectiveness as a Church School (SIAMS). It operates with high standards of behaviour and aims to produce confident, talented, independent learners with the highest aspirations for achievement.

In this nurturing environment filled with spiritual guidance, students are encouraged to develop into self-assured individuals with the independence and resilience to excel in school and beyond. Students at Stepney All Saints are urged to participate fully in a diverse range of enrichment activities. Engaging in these activities not only challenges students but also fosters social responsibility, teamwork, and confidence.

The curriculum seeks to empower and enable, giving students the currency to allow them to realise their aspirations. This is underpinned by a deep learning experience, both in and out of the classroom. Students are helped to gain confidence in applying what they have learnt to a range of scenarios, analysing information and drawing conclusions and evaluating outcomes, opinions and judgements, all of which are skills essential to further study.

Our curriculum is evolving to exploit the benefits of virtual learning. With every student having access to their own laptop through school, financed by The Portal Trust, our students are enabled to use our well-established virtual learning environment to explore new ideas and skills through pre-learning activities. These are used as precursors to discussion, debate and exploration in class. In this way, students are supported to be at the forefront of their own learning experience – a unique opportunity within Tower Hamlets.

We are proud of our rich curriculum, both academic and extra-curricular. We are ambitious for our young people and we work hard to champion a fully inclusive school and community where staff and students flourish.







# About Portal Trust

As one of London's leading educational charities, Portal Trust's mission is to fund and support organisations, groups and individuals that provide educational opportunities for young people in the capital. Each year we support young people, particularly those from disadvantaged or low-income backgrounds to access learning opportunities.

Over the last ten years, we've provided over £50 million in direct funding and in-kind support for individuals and projects at every level of education.

Our relationship with [Stepney All Saints](#) runs deep. Since 1966 we have been Trustee and Voluntary Aiding Body to the School. We own the freehold and continue to provide significant financial support to the school.

Like Portal Trust's [Primary School](#), each year Stepney All Saints receives an annual 'Benefits' grant based on the number of pupils enrolled, which goes towards a uniform subsidy scheme, membership of the London Diocesan Board for Schools Maintenance Scheme and more. In 2020 we also contributed towards the School's rebranding costs including new uniforms for pupils. The Portal Trust has provided grant funding to the school so that every pupil has their own laptop. This commenced during the pandemic and has continued since.

Each year we provide monetary prizes for high achieving pupils., including bursaries for the top two students leaving sixth form. Since 2015 we have supported students from Stepney All Saints to participate in a unique mentoring programme with The Bayes Business School.



# The Opportunity

We are looking to appoint two Foundation Governors to join our governing body. As one of London's outstanding educational institutions serving over 1,500 pupils aged 11-19 in Tower Hamlets, we are looking for committed individuals to help shape our school's future and to support our ambitions.

## Key Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the strategic leadership and vision of the school
- Monitor educational performance and ensure accountability
- Support the school's commitment to high standards in discipline, behaviour, and academic achievement
- Participate in governing body and committee meetings
- Help maintain and develop the school's Christian ethos while embracing its diverse, multi-faith community
- Support the school's values of *Forgiveness, Compassion, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect for all*

## Experience and Skills:

We welcome applications from candidates from a range of backgrounds who can demonstrate their commitment to the local community and the highest standards of education of young people. We are keen to welcome diversity of thought to bring new views and experience to the school board.

In one of the appointments, we are seeking a candidate with strong property/real estate expertise to help guide our planned school site refurbishment initiatives. This person would provide strategic guidance on property-related matters and capital projects.

## All candidates should demonstrate:

- Commitment to education and improving outcomes for young people
- Strategic thinking and collaborative approach
- Willingness to support the school's Christian foundation while respecting its multi-faith community
- Interest in or connection to the Tower Hamlets community (beneficial)
- An understanding of the role of a governor

## Time Commitment:

- Approximately 6-8 hours per month, including meetings, school visits, and preparation. You will be expected to join one of our sub committees
- Meetings are held after school hours
- Term of office: Four years



# How to Apply

Saxton Bampfylde Ltd is partnering with Portal Trust on this appointment.

Candidates should apply for this role via [www.saxbam.com/appointments](http://www.saxbam.com/appointments) using code **RBXSA**. Click on the 'apply' button and follow the instructions to upload a CV and cover letter and complete the online equal opportunities monitoring\* form.

\* The equal opportunities monitoring online form will not be shared with anyone involved in assessing your application

**The closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 28 May**

Key dates for the process:

- Informal conversation: w/c 30 June
- Panel Interviews: w/c 7 July

The opportunity to meet with the Headteacher, Mr Benjamin Siaw and visit the School will be available for shortlisted candidates.

Safeguarding: Portal Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons at all times. The post holder is required to hold a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

