LANGTREE SCHOOL SEEKS NEW GOVERNORS

There is probably no institution in South Oxfordshire that reflects so much credit on its area of operation as Langtree School. Largely thanks to the able leadership of Headteacher Rick Holroyd, supported by a great team of teachers, Ofsted judgements of the school have hovered between good and outstanding over recent years with the emphasis very much on the latter. This year’s GCSE results were the best ever in many respects and the school is now comfortably within the top 10% in the country.

But, as Rick Holroyd has often said, there is no room for complacency and the professional staff can’t do it all on their own. In the last few years Langtree has become an Academy, which is an independent, charitable, Trust, mainly funded on a per pupil basis by the government. The rationale for this change is that international research strongly suggests that schools which are autonomous do better as a result.

Charities need trustees, or in the case of schools, governors. And Langtree needs a number of new governors fairly urgently. We have Parent and staff governors but it is essential that there are also a number of governors with no sectional interests who are simply providing a public or community service. If they bring with them some of the professional skills which all organisations need to operate effectively, so much the better.

The task of governor can of course be demanding, but there is great intrinsic satisfaction in helping to ensure that our young people have access to a school which serves them well, and the opportunity to see and interact with those young people at their best is immensely rewarding.

If you are interested and would like to explore what is involved please email the Chair of Governors, Tracy Sedwell: tracy.sedwell@btinternet.com further information.