

Becoming a Unitarian Governor at Channing

The School

Established in 1885, Channing School is a leading independent day school for girls based on Highgate Hill in North London. The School provides a stimulating and vibrant educational experience that encourages scholarship, nurtures and sustains independent thinking, confidence and creativity for girls aged 4 - 18. Channing's Unitarian ethos underpins everything it does; respect, tolerance, integrity and altruism are fundamental to the School. The pupils are part of a compassionate and inclusive community. Awarded 'Excellent' in all areas inspected by ISI in 2022, Channing is summed up by its vision, 'Girls Enjoying Success'.

We believe that examination success is not solely the end goal of a pupil's journey through school, rather that it should be an enriching academic and extracurricular experience that allows girls to develop skills, confidence, creativity and character, instilling in pupils a lifelong love of learning and a firm belief that anything is possible. Experienced, dedicated teachers offer a supportive, encouraging and challenging learning environment that allows pupils to achieve success beyond what they might have thought possible. Virtually all sixth formers go on to higher education in the UK or overseas, some after a gap year. Channing girls enjoy academic success from a tailored educational programme that encourages confidence, independent thinking and provides them with life skills to take on the next stage of their education as thoughtful, responsive, socially aware adults, prepared for the challenges of the world today.

The School is located in an attractive part of Highgate. The character of the historic older buildings has been carefully preserved. An ambitious building programme over the past few years has provided the Senior School with a Music School, a new Sixth Form Centre, Sports Hall and a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre. In addition a major redevelopment of the Junior School was completed in 2021. Over the coming years, the School hopes to consolidate its position as a leading girls' school through further developing its curriculum offer and through continued and sustainable investment in the school estate.

The role of Governor

Becoming a Governor at Channing is an exciting opportunity to provide challenge and support as the School consolidates its position as a leading centre of academic excellence for girls. Governors act as Trustees and Directors and ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the School. They hold the Headmistress and the School's Leadership team to account for the educational performance of the School, and oversee its financial performance and the management of the school's assets.

Founded in 1885 by Unitarian sisters Emily and Matilda Sharpe, supported by Reverend Robert Spears, Channing is named after notable American Unitarian William Ellery Channing. Remaining true to our Unitarian foundation, we seek a practising Unitarian to join the Board

and ensure that the School remains an inclusive community that values the individual skills, spiritual beliefs, achievements and contribution of all its members.

Potential Governors should be excellent communicators and be able to offer a big-picture, advisory approach. They should be committed to Channing's mission to inspire pupils to develop scholarship, integrity, altruism and independence. They will be passionate about the value of education, and particularly champion Channing's vision to provide an outstanding girls'-only education.

This role is unremunerated, and reasonable, pre-agreed domestic travel expenses will be reimbursed. There is one main Board and one Committee meeting each term, totalling 6 meetings per year. The appointment is for a 4 year term, which can be renewed twice at the discretion of the members of the Board.

To find out more about the School, please visit our website at <https://www.channing.co.uk/>. To discuss the role in more depth, or to express an interest in it, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Roy Hill, by email at bursar@channing.co.uk . We look forward to hearing from you.