27th January 2025

**NOTICE OF ELECTION – DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (DBE)**

**Notice is given that an election shall be held for membership to the DBE to be in place by 1st April 2025.**

The Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) is a statutory committee of members elected by Diocesan Synod who are responsible for overseeing the education strategy and policies for 83 Church of England schools in our diocese. The new Board will hold office from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2028.

Members are to be elected in the following categories:

* at least one member who is an elected member of Bishop’s Council;
* at least two school leaders from schools or academy trusts within the Diocese and who may be lay members or Clerks in Holy Orders;
* at least two additional lay members, and
* at least two Clerks in Holy Orders, beneficed or licensed in the Diocese.

Diocesan Synod members, Deanery Synod members, Bishop’s Council members and eligible staff of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) may nominate individuals as members in the above categories.

Each nomination and supporting form (attached) must be returned by the person completing it (i.e the candidate must return the candidate form, the proposer must return the proposer form and the seconder must return the seconder form) to synod@cofeguildford.org.uk to arrive no later than 12 noon on Monday 24th February 2024.

Please find attached the following:

* Candidate Form
* Proposer Supporting Form
* Seconder Supporting Form

Following the close of nominations there will be a nominations review according to the DBE Scheme agreed by Diocesan Synod in 2022. A candidate list of ideally between 10 and 15 candidates will be shared with Diocesan Synod as the eligible electors when voting opens on **Tuesday 4 March 2025**. Voting will close on **Monday 24 March at 12 noon**.

**Election Timetable**

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| Election Notice and nomination papers circulated | 27 January 2025 |
| Nominations close | 24 February 2025 at 12 noon |
| Nominations review  | 24 February – 3 March 2025  |
| Voting papers issued | 4 March 2025 |
| Voting closes | 24 March 2025 at 12 noon |
| New DBE term of office starts | 1 April 2025 |

Information about the election is available on the [diocesan website](https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/diocesan-board-of-education-dbe-elections/diocesan-board-of-education-dbe-elections.php). If you require further information, please be in touch at synod@cofeguildford.org.uk .

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