Middlesbrough College is seeking an audit specialist to join our Audit and Risk Committee.

About Us

Middlesbrough College is an anchor institution in Teesside, operating a complex educational matrix that includes further education, higher education, apprenticeships, and specialized engineering training. Managing an operation of this scale requires a robust framework of internal controls, compliance, and proactive risk management to protect our learners, staff, and public funding.

The Role

As an Audit and Risk Governor, you will join our Corporation Board and be a key voice on our **Audit and Risk Committee**. You will provide independent assurance to the Board that the College's risk management processes, internal control systems, and compliance frameworks are robust, agile, and effective.

Key Responsibilities

- **Risk Oversight:** Review and challenge the College's Strategic Risk Register, ensuring emerging risks (e.g., cyber security, regulatory shifts, student recruitment) are mitigated.
- **Audit Management:** Oversee the internal and external audit programs, reviewing findings and tracking executive management's implementation of recommendations.
- **Compliance & Assurances:** Ensure strict adherence to the DfE's Post-16 Audit Code of Practice, data protection laws, and safeguarding regulations.
- **Whistleblowing & Fraud:** Ensure adequate policies are in place for fraud prevention, detection, and whistleblowing investigations.

About You

We are seeking an experienced professional with a background in internal/external audit, risk management, compliance, or corporate law who is passionate about the economic future of Middlesbrough.

- **Experience:** Senior Risk Officer, Head of Internal Audit, Compliance Director, or Partner in an audit/legal firm.
- **Skills:** Expertise in evaluating complex internal control frameworks, corporate governance, and risk mitigation methodologies.
- **Attributes:** Highly analytical, fiercely independent, and comfortable offering constructive challenge to executive teams.

Commitment & Benefits

- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 6-8 **hours per month**, including **4** full Board meetings and 3-4 Committee meetings per year
- **Remuneration:** Voluntary role (unpaid), but all reasonable travel fully reimbursed.
- **Meetings** in person at Middlesbrough College (with options for remote committee participation).

There is also the option to join as a Co-opted Governor which requires a lesser time commitment, being focussed on Committee and potential Link Governor activities only.

See our website governor vacancy page for more general information about being on our Governing Body: mbro.ac.uk/about-us/governance/being-a-governor/

Please direct any expressions of interest/further enquiry to Zeta Foster, Head of Governance at z.foster@mbro.ac.uk in the first instance.