Middlesbrough College is seeking a Finance specialist to provide strategic financial oversight.

About Us
Middlesbrough College is one of the largest and highest-performing further education providers in the North East. With a turnover of £75m, we deliver vibrant technical, academic, and vocational education and equip thousands of learners every year with skills for life. As we navigate a dynamic funding landscape and support major regional regeneration projects in the Tees Valley, maintaining a resilient financial position is essential to funding world-class facilities and student support services.

The Role
As a Finance Governor, you will join our Corporation Board and sit on our Corporate Services Committee. Your analytical skills and financial acumen will ensure our multimillion-pound regional budget is optimized to deliver the highest quality education while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Oversight:** Scrutinize monthly management accounts, annual budgets, and five year financial forecasts.
- **Capital Projects:**
  Appraise business cases for major capital investments, and monitor progress against a £30m capital plan.
- **Funding Optimization:** Support the executive team in managing diverse and complex income streams, including government grants, tuition loans and commercial revenue.
- **Value for Money:** Challenge and validate that resources are deployed efficiently and adequate controls are in place, to maximize impact on the learner experience across Teesside.

About You
We are looking for a qualified accountant (**CCAB, ACA, ACCA, CIMA, or CIPFA**) with senior-level financial experience. While prior non-executive experience is welcome, we highly encourage applications from first-time trustees based in or connected to the Tees Valley area.

- **Experience:** CFO, Finance Director, or Senior Financial Controller level.
- **Skills:** Strong understanding of corporate governance, strategic planning, and commercial or public sector accounting.
- **Attributes:** Ability to ask constructive, probing questions and translate complex financial data for non-financial board members.

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.