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## **Parent Governor Election, Spring 2022**

### **Declaration of result**

As the Returning Officer for the election of two parent governors to the governing body of Holland Park School, I declare that

Melanie Juno Wolfe  
and  
Sam Cockroft (Hesketh)

are elected as governors of Holland Park School

Further details of the calculations used to determine this result, are given in the pages overleaf.



Stewart Harper  
Clerk to the Governing Body, Returning Officer  
Tuesday 3 May 2022

## Process of calculation

Of the 2539 parents eligible to vote in this election, 222 did so (representing 8.75% of the electorate). As previously advised, the 'Droop Quota' has been used to calculate the number of votes needed to be elected. The Droop Quota is calculated by dividing the total votes cast (222) by one more than the total number of seats available (i.e. 3). To exceed that quota, a candidate has to have one further vote – i.e.  $(222 / 3) + 1 = 75$ . Further information on this is available on the [Electoral Reform Society website](#).

### *Stage One*

In the first stage, only first-choice votes are counted. Where a candidate reaches the quota on the first round, they are elected.

### *Stage Two*

Where a candidate exceeds the quota, then they are capped at the quota and 'excess votes' above that are assigned to the second choices made by those who voted for them, in proportion to the excess over quota. In this election, one candidate received 92 votes in the first round, 17 above the quota. In order to distribute the 'excess' proportionately, all of the second choices for those who voted for that candidate are redistributed at a proportion of the excess over the total ( $17/92$  (each vote counting 0.185)) so that the total number of votes redistributed is the same as the excess, but the allocation of those votes is in line with every voter's second choice.

Other than in the first stage votes, and in order for the total votes to return to the total (222) the candidate with excess is shown as 'capped' to the quota of 75.

At this point, the candidate with fewest votes (or candidates if there is a tie) are eliminated, and their second-choice votes are added to the other candidates in stage two.

### *Stage Three and subsequent stages*

At the end of each round, the candidate with fewest votes is eliminated, with the second choices of all those who voted for them assigned to that candidate in the next round, and this continues until there are two candidates who reach the quota (75). All of the votes for the eliminated candidate are redistributed, even those which came from the excess in stage one, or which had come to a candidate from a candidate eliminated in an earlier round.

When the second-choice vote is for a candidate who is eliminated, then the third, fourth or fifth, etc. vote is taken (i.e. the highest vote for a candidate who is not eliminated).

Not all voters made second, third, fourth etc. choices and so after the first two rounds, the total number of votes will decline from the original total of 222.

## Summary of outcomes

The overall votes shown in the table below are given at the point of elimination, or the point of reaching the quota, and thus will not reach 222. The tables on subsequent pages will add, at each stage, to a maximum of 222 – though the fact that not every elector utilised every choice available to them means that the number declines.

The summary by round is as follows, where 'E' indicates the candidate elected and 'X' indicates the candidate eliminated at that point:

	Stage							
	1/2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nader Asadpoor				X				
Zeinab Bullale						X		
Philippe Carpentier			X					
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)								E
Mark Cooper		X						
Gaelle Deschamps							X	
Ana Draskovic		X						
Elizabeth McKay								X
Abitabh Seli	X							
Melanie Juno Wolfe	E							
Robert Yates					X			

The breakdown of votes by round is as follows.

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2		OUTCOME
	FIRST CHOICES	TRANSFER OF EXCESS VOTES		
Nader Asadpoor	6	$2 \times 0.185 = 0.37$	6.370	
Zeinab Bullale	13	$4 \times 0.185 = 0.74$	13.74	
Philippe Carpentier	5	$2 \times 0.185 = 0.37$	5.370	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	48	$35 \times 0.185 = 6.475$	54.475	
Mark Cooper	1	$1 \times 0.185 = 0.185$	1.185	
Gaelle Deschamps	14	$18 \times 0.185 = 3.33$	17.330	
Ana Draskovic	1	$1 \times 0.185 = 0.185$	1.185	
Elizabeth McKay	29	$27 \times 0.185 = 4.995$	33.995	
Abitabh Seli	1	$0 \times 0.185 = 0$	1.00	Candidate eliminated
Melanie Juno Wolfe	92 (E)	$75 - 92 = -17$	75.00	Candidate elected
Robert Yates	12	$2 \times 0.185 = 0.37$	12.370	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>17.02</b>	<b>222.02*</b>	

\*The total does not add to 222 because of rounding and is shown in full for transparency.

	<b>STAGE THREE</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	6.37	0	6.37	
Zeinab Bullale	13.74	0	13.74	
Philippe Carpentier	5.37	0	5.37	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	54.475	0	54.475	
Mark Cooper	1.185	0	1.185	Candidate eliminated
Gaelle Deschamps	17.33	0	17.33	
Ana Draskovic	1.185	0	1.185	Candidate eliminated
Elizabeth McKay	33.995	1	34.995	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	12.37	0	12.37	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>221.02</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>222.02</b>	

	<b>STAGE FOUR</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATES</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	6.37	1	7.37	
Zeinab Bullale	13.74	0	13.74	
Philippe Carpentier	5.37	0	5.37	Candidate eliminated
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	54.475	0	54.475	
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	17.33	0	17.33	
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	34.995	1	35.995	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	12.37	0.185	12.555	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219.65</b>	<b>2.185</b>	<b>221.835</b>	

	<b>STAGE FIVE</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	7.37	1	8.37	Candidate eliminated
Zeinab Bullale	13.74	0	13.74	
Philippe Carpentier	0	-	0	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	54.475	1	55.475	
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	17.33	0.37	17.7	
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	35.995	2	37.995	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	12.555	1	13.555	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216.45</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>221.835</b>	

	<b>STAGE SIX</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	0	-	0	
Zeinab Bullale	13.74	5	18.74	
Philippe Carpentier	0	-	0	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	55.475	1	56.475	
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	17.7	2.185	19.885	
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	37.995	0	37.995	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	13.555	0	13.555	Candidate eliminated
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213.465</b>	<b>8.185</b>	<b>221.65</b>	

	<b>STAGE SEVEN</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	0	-	0	
Zeinab Bullale	18.74	0	18.74	Candidate eliminated
Philippe Carpentier	0	-	0	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	56.475	5.37	61.845	
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	19.885	3	22.885	
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	37.995	5	42.995	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	0	-	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208.095</b>	<b>13.37</b>	<b>221.65</b>	

	<b>STAGE EIGHT</b>			
	<b>TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE</b>			
	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<b>SECOND CHOICES</b>	<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	
Nader Asadpoor	0	-	0	
Zeinab Bullale	0	-	0	
Philippe Carpentier	0	-	0	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	61.845	4.37	66.215	
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	22.885	3	25.885	Candidate eliminated
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	42.995	5.185	48.18	
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	0	-	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202.725</b>	<b>13.37</b>	<b>215.28</b>	

	STAGE NINE			
	TRANSFER OF VOTES FROM ELIMINATED CANDIDATE			
	CARRIED OVER	SECOND CHOICES	NEW TOTAL	
Nader Asadpoor	0	-	0	
Zeinab Bullale	0	-	0	
Philippe Carpentier	0	-	0	
Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh)	66.215	12.665	78.88	Candidate elected
Mark Cooper	0	-	0	
Gaelle Deschamps	0	-	0	
Ana Draskovic	0	-	0	
Elizabeth McKay	48.18	11.035	59.215	Candidate eliminated
Abitabh Seli	0	-	0	
Melanie Juno Wolfe	75	-	75	
Robert Yates	0	-	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189.395</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>213.095</b>	

*Provisional result*

On the basis of these votes, the provisional result is that Melanie Juno Wolfe (on stage 1) and Sam Cockcroft (Hesketh) (on stage 9) are elected as parent governors.