




WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS GOVERNING BODY- 2019-20

<p>Mr M Bavisi Parent Governor</p> 	<p>Milan is married and has two sons with his eldest son currently a pupil at the School. He graduated from Bath University with a Masters in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Milan has been working in the field of mobile telecommunications for the last 25 years, seeing the introduction of the mobile "brick" phone to the current smartphone that we all own today! In his spare time Milan enjoys spending time with his family, travelling whenever possible and trying to keep fit playing squash and badminton.</p> <p>Milan volunteered to become a Parent Governor because he wanted to get more involved in the school community and hopefully use his background and experience to make a positive contribution to the governance of the School. He recognizes the School's reputation for academic excellence producing outstanding results within the area and looks forward to contributing to the School's continued success.</p>
<p>Dr T J Boyd Foundation Governor</p> 	<p>Tom Boyd was a GP in Bushey for over 30 years, with an interest in GP education and assessment. He was Associate Dean of Postgraduate General Practice in the University of London and a senior examiner for the Royal College of GPs. Since 1995 he has worked as an expert witness, preparing reports and appearing in Courts instructed by lawyers acting on behalf of patients and doctors. Tom's two sons and four nephews attended WBGS and his daughter was Head Girl at WGGs. He has seven grandchildren.</p>
<p>Miss J Callow Staff Governor</p> 	<p>Head of English, WBGS</p>

Mr I Cooksey
Headmaster



Headmaster, WBGS

Mr R Dawda
Parent Governor



As a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years of experience in providing internal audit services to financial services firms, Rajesh has developed sound business acumen and good corporate governance knowledge. He believes that his professional experience and commitment will enable him to add value to the school governing body.

Mr S Hart
Parent Governor



Stuart is an award winning Certified Financial Planner with more than 20 years' experience in the financial planning profession, working in and alongside leading accountancy practices. In 2016 he established Lucus Wealth Ltd. As a member of two relevant professional bodies, Stuart believes in enhancing the reputation of the financial planning profession and works to that end. He also believes that good financial planning should start with education of the young so good decision-making is made easier.

It is Stuart's view that school can have an inestimable influence on a child's future and just a few ill-chosen words can have a negative impact on a young mind for a long time. This is why he tries only to be positive when talking to young people, giving encouragement and guidance where appropriate and he looks forward to engaging with the Governing Body to maintain the high standards already set by all previous and existing members over the years.

Mr D Holden
Parent Governor



David studied commerce at Birmingham University and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG in London. He has since held a number of senior finance positions both in the UK and US and has also lived in France and Ireland. He currently operates a small financial management consultancy based in Watford and has helped set up a number of health charities as well as volunteering for certain roles within the NHS. Until recently he was a Governor of Cassiobury Junior School.

His son joined the school in 2019 and plays rugby for Fullerians and cricket for West Herts. David is a lifelong Saracens and Tottenham Hotspur fan and is a keen follower of local cricket.

Mr S Nokes
Foundation Governor
Chairman



Stephen was previously Head of a grammar school and a founder member of the Grammar Schools Heads Association, from which he stepped down as Chairman in 2016. In this capacity, he had frequent involvement with ministers and civil servants in the DfE, and other organisations concerned with education, and was involved in a number of national initiatives and consultations.

Stephen has extensive experience of both independent and state sector schools and has been a Governor at several schools. Currently a consultant re Headship appointments and leadership development Stephen mentors a number of serving Headteachers. Interested in digital learning he was a Trustee of the Causeway Foundation, which initiated and supports a programme of computer masterclasses for young people across the UK in conjunction with the Royal Institution.

Mrs S Rashid
Parent Governor



Suhaila is a mum of 3 boys, with the oldest in attendance at Watford Boys. Interested in supporting her children's academic and extra-curricular interests, she has volunteered as: an infant's class representative, fundraiser at the junior school and on the executive board of a start-up scouting group. Keen on sports, she has learnt to play tennis as an adult, and enjoys cycling with family and friends.

She graduated from Kingston University with a degree in finance management and subsequently trained as a Chartered Accountant. As a finance business partner, she has worked in the media, retail, real estate and financial services sectors.

Ms S Riaz
Staff Governor



Teacher in Charge of Politics, WBGS

Rev T Rindl



Vicar of St. Mary's Church and Rural Dean for Watford Deanery. Before moving to Watford he was Team Rector in the Colne and Village Team ministry. During the ten years he spent in East Lancashire he was actively involved in a number of community projects. I chaired Colne Connected a Market Town Initiative (MTI), through this I helped establish the Pendle Youth Forum and Homelessness Forum for Burnley and Pendle.

Prior to ordination he was a qualified mineral and mining surveyor working in quarry management and construction. Immediately before he trained for ministry at St. John's College, Nottingham, he was working for the Black Country Development Corporation and continues to take a keen interest in regeneration and building strong communities.

Prof D Ritchie
Foundation Governor



David Ritchie is Professor of Experimental Physics and a Fellow of Robinson College at the University of Cambridge. He is also Professor of Semiconductor Science and Technology at Swansea University. He is a former student at WGSB and received his BA in physics, from the University of Oxford in 1980 and his D Phil from the University of Sussex in 1986 studying the physics of liquid helium. Since then he has been working on semiconductor physics and has extensive experience of the growth, fabrication and measurement of low dimensional electronic and optical structures.

He has been co-author of over 1100 research papers and was awarded the 2008 Tabor medal and prize by the UK Institute of Physics for distinguished research. He has extensive experience of university education having spent time as Deputy Head of Physics in Cambridge responsible for teaching and as a Director of Studies in Physics at Robinson College.

Mrs S Rodgers
Foundation Governor



Stephanie is a graduate of Edinburgh University with a Masters degree from UCL. She is currently Director of the Astra Alliance at Dr Challoner's Grammar, which is one of the most successful SCITTs (School Centred Teacher Training) in the country, working across over 30 schools in Herts, Beds and Bucks. Under her leadership the SCITT has just received and OFSTED Outstanding designation after a thorough two stage inspection. Stephanie developed the Alliance from scratch some four years ago. She is also responsible for the leadership of county wide Continued Professional Development throughout the Alliance and for all staff at DCGS where she is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Her current role includes leadership of the Pupil Premium / Free School meals strategy at Dr Challoner's and work with British Schools overseas on the assessment only route to QTS. Stephanie has previously worked in a number of local schools including St Albans High School for Girls, WGGGS and Parmiters.

Mr C Rycroft
Foundation Governor



Carl was educated at Richmond School, North Yorkshire and St Paul's College, Cheltenham where he studied for a Bachelor of Education degree. Having qualified as a teacher he taught Physical Education and Religious Studies at The Thomas Alleyne School, a large secondary school in Stevenage where he was also Head of Year 7. Following this he spent three years working for the RFU as a Youth Development Officer before returning to education at Aysgarth School where he was Director of Sport, Head of Religious Studies and a senior teacher on the SMT responsible for pastoral care and boarding. Following six years at Witham Hall School as Deputy Head and six years at Barnard Castle Preparatory School as Head, he is currently Headmaster at Davenies School in Beaconsfield; He is a member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools and the NAHT. He is also a serving inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate and a governor at John Hampden Grammar School.

Mr S Shannon
Foundation Governor
Vice Chairman



A former pupil of WBGGS Steve is a Chartered Accountant and is the Finance Director of his family's media company which owns print media, digital media platforms and b2b exhibitions. A former Chair of the Old Fullerians' Association, he is the current Safeguarding Governor, Chair of the Personnel and Staff Consultative Committees and a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr A Speirs
Foundation Parent
Governor



Andrew is an Oxford University graduate with over 30 years' experience in investment banking. He specialises in advising a wide variety of companies with a focus on their financial performance and capital structure. He has three children, the youngest of whom is at WBGs. Andrew is Data Protection Officer and Vice Chair of the Finance and Estates Committees.

Dr C Sykesud
Staff Governor



Joint Head of Science, WBGs

Mrs A Watson
Parent Governor



Anne studied Modern Languages at Cambridge and then worked as a trader in the City and abroad for thirteen years before leaving to start a family. She has four children, all of whom have gone through or are still at the Watford Grammar Schools. More recently she has worked as a Learning Support Assistant. Anne is Vice Chair of the Education Committee, sits on the Joint Admissions Committee and is also the SEN, PP and CLA Governor.