

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS GOVERNING BODY- 2018-19

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| <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>Mrs S Branch Foundation Governor</p> | <p>Sue's son was a student at WBGS in the 1980s - 1990's, becoming Head Boy before going on to Cambridge University and Sandhurst. Now retired after many years of teaching in a local secondary school, which included 7 years as Teacher Governor, Sue wished to repay-on her son's behalf- some of the debt of gratitude she felt owed to the School by working with the Governing Body.</p> |
| <p>Mr I Cooksey Headmaster</p> | <p>Headmaster</p> |
| <p>Mrs C Cox Staff Governor</p> | <p>Head of Year, Teacher of Mathematics and Music</p> |
| <p>Mr R Dawda Parent Governor</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Mrs R Dunsby Staff Governor</p> | <p>Exams and Admissions Co-ordinator</p> |
| <p>Mr S Hart Parent Governor</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Mr S Nokes Foundation Governor Chairman</p> | <p>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</p> |

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| | <p>education, and was involved in a number of national initiatives and consultations.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Mr A Parsons Foundation Parent Governor | <p>Adam Parsons is an experienced journalist, who started his career on the Watford Observer and has since gone on to work for national newspapers, the BBC and who is now Business Correspondent of Sky News. He has reported around the world and has also spent time working in the field of communications for high-profile organisations. He grew up in Hertfordshire and has two boys at the school.</p> |
| Mr S Riaz Staff Governor | <p>Head of Politics</p> |
| Rev T Rindl | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Prof D Ritchie Foundation Governor | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Mrs S Rodgers Foundation Governor | <p>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</p> |

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| | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Mr S Shannon Foundation Governor Vice Chairman</p> | <p>A former pupil of WBGS 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 Fullarians' Association, he is the current Safeguarding Governor, Chair of the Personnel and Staff Consultative Committees and a member of the Finance Committee.</p> |
| <p>Mr A Speirs Foundation Parent Governor</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Mr T Sweeney Foundation Parent Governor</p> | <p>Terry qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers in 1992, and has worked extensively in the private and the public sector during his career. Since 2010 Terry has been employed in a senior finance role at Brunel University. Terry was appointed as a governor at WBGS in 2014 the same year as his son started in Year 7. His experience of working in finance in higher education lends significant insight into the strategic and financial issues in secondary education and Terry enjoys working with the School.</p> |
| <p>Mrs A Watson Parent Governor</p> | <p>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.</p> |