

Your Governors

Miranda Harrison – Chair of Governors - Co-opted Governor



Miranda is Assistant Headteacher at a Pupil Referral Unit in Bracknell Forest having spent 7 years teaching in Alternative Provision in Hampshire. Miranda has been a Surrey governor for over 15 years and has a child in year 11 and in year 8. Her background is HR and Data management and she chairs the Standards and Performance committee, overseeing pupil progress and attainment.

Paul Spooner – Vice Chair – Local Authority Governor



Paul is a Borough Councillor representing Ash South & Tongham at Guildford BC and was an Ash Parish Councillor for 10 years, having stood down in April 2020. He led Guildford BC from 2015-19. He has a very keen interest in health and education. He was Chairman/Vice Chairman of Governors at Waverley Abbey for 12 years and has been involved in education at a political level for over a decade. Paul also has a 'day job' as Commercial Director of a med-tech business based near Vienna in Austria.

Vicki Bennett – Co-opted Governor



Vicki worked as a primary school teacher for almost 20 years and is now employed as an Adviser in Hampshire's School Library Service. She grew up in Ash Vale and, after living and working in various places in the UK and Australia, returned to live in Tongham in 2015. She has a son currently in Year 7 at Ash Manor and a daughter in Year 5 at an Aldershot primary school.

Nikki Elvin – Co-opted Governor



Nikki has been a police officer in the metropolitan police for over 16 years, spending a number of years as a response officer but she has also had the opportunity to work within many fields, including safeguarding. All of her experience and transferable skills will assist with her ambition to support the students at Ash Manor with their education and help enhance their experience whilst with us.

Matthew Hawkins – Co-opted Governor



Matthew is a Procurement and Purchasing Consultant who has worked in the Hospitality and Education sectors for most of his career and currently works for Pelican Procurement Services based in Farnborough. He has worked in the area since 2003 and has lived in Ash since 2006. Matthew's daughter is currently in year 10 at Ash Manor. He joined the board of Governors last year.

Dan Hicks – Staff Governor



Dan is a Lead Practitioner in Maths at Ash Manor School. He has been a Head of Year in a previous school and spent a term working in a Pupil Referral Unit. Dan also leads on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Ash Manor and has recently joined the school Combined Cadet Force. He joined the board of Governors as the staff Governor this year.

Jane Sheridan – Co-opted Governor



Jane works at Ash Manor part-time as Careers Lead delivering the Careers Programme across all year groups and providing students with STEM and business related enrichment opportunities. In addition, she works for SATRO, an education charity in Guildford. Jane is a Trustee of the Farr Foundation and a Search Technician for Sussex Search Dogs. She became a Parent Governor in 2011 and is now a Co-opted Governor.

Steve Westcott – Parent Governor



"Steve has recently retired, but worked as a Business Analyst in the Telecommunications and Media industry for most of his career. He has lived in Ash Vale with his wife for over 20 years, and has two sons, one still at Ash Manor in year 10. He enjoys the outdoor life and has been encouraging young people through his involvement with the Scout organisation since his own childhood, currently holding the position of Explorer Scout Leader with one of the local units. He joined the board of governors in 2020."

Tom Whitehead – Co-opted Governor



Tom has worked for the Bank of England, supervising some of the UK's largest banks, since 2018. Prior to joining the Bank, Tom completed a PhD in innate immunology at University College London (UCL) and a BSc in biochemistry at the University of St Andrews. Tom is passionate about STEM and wants to ensure that STEM careers are accessible to as many young people as possible.