

Your Governors

David Jones – Chair - Co-opted Governor



David has worked in the NHS within Estates & Facilities Management for over 10 years and is currently the Director of Estates, Facilities & Capital Development at the University Hospital Southampton Trust. David has lived in Tongham for the last 15 years. David's daughter is in year 8 at Ash Manor.

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 medtech business based near Vienna in Austria.

Miranda Harrison - 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.

Jane Sheridan – Co-opted Governor



Jane is an Education Business Consultant working in partnership with local and national businesses to bring career education, challenges and events into schools. In addition, she has been appointed as the STEM Co-ordinator and Careers Leader for Ash Manor to provide students with STEM and business related enrichment opportunities and is responsible for Ash Manor's Careers Programme. Jane became a Parent Governor in 2011 and is now a Co-opted Governor and chair of the Student Experience Committee.

Amy Woodyer – Staff Governor



Amy joined Ash Manor in 2015 as a Teacher of science and is now Head of Phoenix House. Amy has a long history with local community having grown up in Tongham and attended Ash Manor herself as a student before going on to study Forensic and Archaeological Sciences at University. Amy wanted to become a staff governor as she is passionate about the opportunities for young people within the local community and is now a member of the student experience committee.

Alasdair Whitelaw – Parent Governor



Al has worked in education for most of his career. He started teaching adults in prisons and on probation. He has worked in secondary PRUs and Primary Special Schools. He is currently the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Coordinator, working across the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. He manages a team to reduce exclusions and promote engagement for vulnerable children across the borough. He lives locally and has a daughter in year 8 at Ash Manor and another in year 5 at Wyke.

Steve Westcott – Parent Governor



Steve has 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 20 years, and has two sons, one in year 10 at Ash Manor. 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 last year.

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.

Aidan O'Keffee – Co-opted Governor



Aidan spent 25 years working on the Arctic Circle in the Norwegian oil & gas industry before returning to his native Surrey in 2015. He now owns and manages DSA Golf LP which supplies logoed merchandise for corporate golf days. In 2021 he established 'Phoenix of Ash Ltd' as a secondary supplier of uniforms to Ash Manor School. He moved to Ash Vale with his wife in 2019 and has a stepdaughter in year 8. He joined the board of governors this year.