

Your Governors

David Jones – Co-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 and Facilities at Western Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. David has lived in Tongham for the last 12 years and both of his daughters currently go to Walsh Junior & Infants, but will be stepping up to Ash Manor in the coming years. David is also a governor at Wey House School in Bramley.

Paul Spooner – Co-Chair - Co-opted Governor



Paul is a Borough Councillor representing Ash South & Tongham at Guildford BC and is also a local Ash Parish Councillor. 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.

Philippa Sampson-Bancroft - Vice Chair - Co-opted Governor



Philippa is a Chartered Surveyor with a background in planning and development and has worked in housing and regeneration for over ten years. Whilst working in London she enjoyed volunteering on school reading schemes to help younger children with their reading skills and has previously been a Geography Ambassador for the Royal Geographical Society promoting Geography to secondary school students and encouraging them to continue to study the subject at A-Level and beyond. Philippa joined the governing body in 2017 as a co-opted governor and became Vice-Chair in 2018.

Tom Aslin - Co-opted Governor



Tom is a Chartered Accountant, and a partner in the forensic accounting team of a top twenty firm of accountants, based in central London. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, a member of the Expert Witness Institute and a member of the Academy of Experts. Tom lives in and grew up in the local area and has two children, the eldest of which started at Ash Manor in 2014. Tom became a Governor in 2015 and is the Chair of the Resources Committee.

Ian Clifford – Co-opted Governor



Ian had a long career in IT consultancy working for CSC, Lotus, and IBM in a variety of technical and project management roles. He has extensive international experience working in the most challenging and complex environments. Ian lives locally in Farnborough and has a son attending Wavell School. After taking early retirement, he now focuses his time utilising his extensive skills and experience in the voluntary sector. Ian is very passionate about education, especially in student wellbeing and inclusion, he believes in helping all students achieve their potential whatever their background and circumstances.

Miranda Harrison - Co-opted Governor



Miranda is Head of Science Faculty at Rowhill School in Hampshire. This is a Pupil Referral Unit for students at risk of permanent exclusion or unable to attend mainstream secondary for a variety of reasons. Miranda is also the Chair of Governors at Walsh Junior School and has been a governor in Surrey for 13 years. Margaret has one child going into year 11 another entering year 8 and one starting year 5.

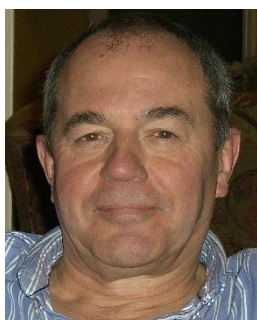
Sumeetra Ramakrishnan – Co-opted Governor



Sumeetra is a Senior Lecturer in Tourism and Hospitality at Middlesex University, specializing in human resources, organisational behaviour and student aspirations. As a University academic involved in employability and aspirations research, she is very interested in the relevance of holistic support, career choices and opportunities provision in determining personal and professional growth for young individuals. Sumeetra is a volunteer at the Education and Employers charity, where she visits schools and sixth form colleges to talk about career opportunities for young girls, and acts a mentor for young people considering various professional career options. Sumeetra lives in Normandy, and as a parent of two young girls constantly strives to

appreciate opportunities and wellbeing for the next generations.

Nigel Russell – Co-opted Governor



After an extensive commercial career as a Managing Director successfully running and developing several technology-based businesses, Nigel has now retired from commercial life except for some non-executive work. For a few years now, he has held the position of Enterprise Advisor to Ash Manor School under the Government's programme to deliver the requirements of the Careers Strategy. Now, as a school governor, he looks forward to making a wider contribution to the ongoing development of Ash Manor School and its students.

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 for Ash Manor to provide students with STEM and business related enrichment opportunities. Jane became a Parent Governor in 2011 and is now a Co-opted Governor and chair of the Student Experience Committee.

Roger Webb – LA-Governor



Roger Webb is a Professor in the Electronic Engineering Department at the University of Surrey and has lived in Ash and Ash Vale since 1984 and has been a governor for more than 15 years. Both of his daughters were at school at Ash Manor, one of them now works at Farnborough International Ltd, helping to run the air show, and the other is a lecturer in forensics in the Chemistry department of the University of Surrey. He has a strong interest in education at all levels and is keen to see that all children get a chance to make the most of their abilities.

Margaret Wickham – Parent Governor



Margaret works for an international trade finance organisation based in Guildford. She became a Parent Governor in 2015 after her son started at the school to support the education of all the students at Ash Manor. Margaret is one of the Governors linked to Safeguarding as well as being a member of the Student Experience committee and Chair of the Standards and Performance Committee.

Amy Woodyer – Staff Governor



Amy joined Ash Manor in 2015 as a Teacher of science and 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.