

Governor Profiles 2017-2018

Ian Bratley

I have been a Foundation Governor at St Richard's since 2013 and my daughter completed her final year here in 2017. I work in the ICT industry and have a background in many aspects of business, which I have utilised in assisting the school to achieve their aims and aspirations, and I am also a regular parishioner and Sacristan at St Joachim's in Eastbourne. I am passionate about the school giving every child the best opportunity for their future career, personal development and spiritual well-being and have committed to continue my support for a further term of four years.

Anne Buchanan

I have 2 children currently at St Richard's and am delighted to have been appointed as Parent Governor. Since 2014 I have been a Year 6 teacher at St Thomas a Becket Junior School and enjoy being part of the very successful transition process to St Richard's. As a committed member of my local parish I am a very strong believer in the importance of growing a child's faith journey through support at school, home and the parish. I fully endorse the college's mission statement and have always held the college in the highest regard. I enjoy family life, foreign languages and travelling abroad.

Glenn Clark

I am married with two grown up children and have been a teacher for 38 years. I have had the privilege of teaching at St Richard's for the last 20 years. My daughter and son both attended St Richard's, they loved it and I am very grateful for the start our wonderful school gave them. My main role as a Staff Governor is to help the Governing body understand all the data associated with modern school life. I am also the Governor for school trips and at the moment link with the MFL department.

Julia Dance

I was born in 1948 and attended a state-run Girls' Technical School where enthusiastic staff aimed to produce confident and determined young women. Despite initial difficulties with reading and writing, they focussed on developing my strengths in acting, speaking, singing and learning by heart. When I later trained as a teacher, I learned about Dyslexia, I had the good fortune to spend 18 years teaching in a school for dyslexic boys. I also gained experience in running an Educational Trust school on business lines. For the last twenty years, I have used my experience in the service of Catholic education locally, including serving St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School as Chair of Governors and now this wonderful college.

Sarah Ellis

I am pleased to be appointed as the Local Authority Governor at St Richard's. Both of my daughters were pupils at the school and have gone on to university. Up until 2016 I was a police officer making frequent visits to the school in my role as Schools Liaison Officer. Due to my links with the school, I am aware of the good work done by the staff. I also know how much support staff gave to my daughters enabling them to achieve great GCSE results. In my role as governor I aim to support the school in maintaining its good status.

Simon Hamilton-Burns

I am the father of two children, one presently attending St Richard's and another who left in 2016. I was a Foundation Governor at St Mary Magdalene's primary school for 4 years. I am a Graduate Mechanical Engineer (BSc. Sussex U.) with over 35 years' experience in the IT industry during which I was European General Manager of a software company for 12 years. I am a qualified maths teacher and I have taught in East Sussex Secondary Schools for over ten years. I was elected to serve both the school and parents as a Parent Governor as I am

committed to children's learning in the area and the high standards, both pastoral and educational, that St Richard's provides.

Father Gerard Hatton

My name is Father Gerard and I grew up in Redhill in Surrey. My parents are Anglo Indian. I did not find school easy due to dyslexia but, thanks to kind teachers and support staff, I was able to complete my schooling and train as a chef. Later, by God's grace and with encouragement and help from the seminary staff, I was able to take up Our Lord's call to be His priest. Nothing is impossible to God. I am the assistant priest in the lively parish of Eastbourne where the priests and people are happy to share in the common life of faith and grow in love and knowledge of God. It's my privilege to be a Foundation Governor at St Richard's, supporting the staff and pupils in making the school a beacon of excellent education, and a place to help form disciples of Christ.

Alison Horan

I am a Foundation Governor and currently Chair of Governors. I have a grandchild at St Richard's and another at Sacred Heart in Hastings. I was previously Chair of Governors at a Catholic primary school elsewhere in East Sussex, where I completed the national Chair of Governors Leadership Development programme. Originally trained as a primary school teacher, I am now retired but worked for East Sussex County Council for many years as a manager within social care and in corporate policy and partnerships. I have an interest in education and am honoured to be involved in the Governance of St Richard's.

Deacon Ian Moon

I am married with two daughters who both attended St Richard's Catholic College in the past. I was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church in July 2015 and exercise my ministry in the Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonards-on-Sea at the churches of St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road and The Holy Redeemer, Upper Church Road. I have recently taken early retirement from a career in electrical engineering that has seen me work for British Rail for thirty years in London, and then latterly at Dungeness 'B' Nuclear Power Station. Early retirement has given me the opportunity to devote more of my time to work within the parish and in the local primary and secondary schools and the community in general. Being asked to join the governing body as a foundation governor is a tremendous honour as it is my desire to be of service to the community pastorally. I hope I will be of benefit to the college.

Richard Parker-Harding

I have been a Foundation Governor for 8 years. My two sons attended the school, the youngest leaving in 2015. I am a Parishioner at St Mary Star of the Sea, Hastings, where I have lived for almost 30 years. I work for Rother and Wealden Councils as a Senior Manager. I have expertise in financial management and health and safety.