

Governor Profiles 2018-2019

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.

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.

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 who left the school in 2018 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 2015 as I am committed to children's learning in the area and the high standards, both pastoral and educational, that St Richard's provides.

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.

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.

Kay Parkin

I was pleased to be appointed as a Foundation Governor in February 2018, having been a former parent and now a grandparent to a pupil at the College. I serve on the Full Governing Body and as Chair of the Strategic Organisation Committee. Before I retired in 2016, I worked as the Head of Finance and Human Resources at a local non-maintained Special School for 18 years managing a large budget and providing HR for up to 300 staff. It is this knowledge that I hope will be useful to St Richard's.

Lindsey Wilson

I was pleased to be appointed as a Foundation Governor at St Richard's. I was a secondary school teacher for 15 years and Head of Department at Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells. Having moved to the Bexhill area on retirement, I was delighted to witness the ethos of St Richard's with its high aspirations spiritually, academically and in pastoral care. My aim is to support the school with my knowledge and experience gained both as a teacher and parent of four children.

Clifford Hayes

I was elected to be a Parent Governor in 2018 and have one child at the school. The role enables me to participate in Governor meetings, observing and commenting on the college from a parent's perspective. My role also includes linking with the school's Careers and Art departments, allowing me to question and report on how pupils are educated in these fields and how they are prepared for life beyond St Richard's. I have also given a couple of talks to pupils on design, creative writing and writing CVs. Outside of school, I run a local freelance graphic design company, mainly for the academic sector. In my spare time, I write books for children, and hold writing workshops for schools.