

Governor Profiles 2022-2023

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

My name is Glenn Clark. I was the Staff Governor for 8 years and am currently an Associate Governor at St Richard's Catholic College. I have lived in Bexhill for 41 years, am married with two grown up children and was a teacher for 38 years. I had the privilege of teaching at St Richard's for 20 years. My daughter and son attended St Richard's. Both loved it and I am very grateful for the start our wonderful school gave them. My main role as a Governor is to help the Governing body understand all the data associated with modern school life. I am also the Governor overseeing Pupil Premium (PP) and at the moment link with the Maths department.

Jewel Cole

My name is Jewel Cole and I am a Parent Governor with two children currently attending the school. I work in the education sector delivering further and higher education qualifications and have a commercial background in business and communication. I hold Proverbs 22:6 very close to my heart - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it - and it is for this reason that I am committed to helping the school achieve their aims of encouraging, supporting and developing every pupil in their care academically, socially and spiritually. I am passionate about giving children and young people a firm footing in their developmental years so that they will have the best opportunity for their future.

Annie Craddock (Clerk)

I am the Clerk to Governors for St Richard's Catholic College as well as some of the local Catholic primary feeder schools. Previous to clerking I have experience with working with children in a range of settings and as a Legal Secretary. I enjoy learning and have recently completed my Diploma of Higher Education with the Open University, mainly in psychology modules. I am a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosemary and love being a part of the Catholic Faith and community.

Sarah Ellis

I am pleased to be appointed as an Associate 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.

Steve Gough

There is no doubt in my mind that St Richard's is an outstanding school, and I recognise the excellence, commitment and diligence of all of the staff. I feel privileged that Bishop Richard has recently appointed me to serve as a Foundation Governor. I have been a teacher for over 40 years, and have management experience. I am currently teaching at Mayfield School – a Catholic girls school in East Sussex. I am determined to do my best to support the Catholic ethos of St Richard's and ensure that it continues to provide an outstanding education for all pupils. I am the Link Governor for the Geography Department and for School Visits.

Simon Hamilton-Burns

I am parent of two St Richards' children, who left the school in 2016 and 2018. 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 10 years. I was elected to serve both the school and parents as a Parent Governor 2015 and then invited to be a Foundation Governor in 2018. I am committed to children's learning in the area and the high standards, both pastoral and educational, that St Richard's provides.

Clifford Hayes

I have been a Parent Governor since 2018 and have one child at the school. The role allows 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, Art, Dance, Music and Drama departments, allowing me to question and report on pupil progress and see how pupils are prepared for life beyond St Richard's. Outside of school, I run a graphic design company (mainly working on books for Universities), I write books for children, and occasionally hold workshops in art and creative writing for schools.

Alison Horan

I am a Foundation Governor and currently Chair of Governors. I have one grandchild at St Richard's. 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 since 2009, my two sons having attended the school. I am a Senior officer at Rother and Wealden Councils and have expertise in general management, finance and health and safety. It is very rewarding to be part of the St Richard's community and to support and challenge the school to maintain its educational standards and ethos.

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.

Nina Siddall-Ward

Nina Siddall-Ward is a motivational and educational consultant. Her career includes the role of Head of Standards and Learning Effectiveness (0-11) for East Sussex Children's Services Authority (2003 -2011); prior to this she was a Primary Headteacher and taught across a range of schools. A recent second career as an estate agent is proving fun and interesting. She is also an expert writer for the Key for School Leaders and Governors. As a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts Nina is involved in a range of projects. Nina has a long and supportive association with St Richard's as her three step children were very successful pupils here; her charisma, experience and enthusiasm have enabled her to deliver positive change for children in a wide range of organisations.

Mark Weeks-Pearson FCA

I am an Accountant and one of the Directors of Ashdown Hurrey, a local firm of Accountants and Business Advisors, so I hope to use my background in finance and running a business to help contribute towards my role as a Governor. I have two children at the school and have enjoyed working with a number of local schools over the last ten years volunteering with Young Enterprise and more recently as an Enterprise Advisor assisting with Careers Programmes for students.

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.