

STEVE BARKER – Community Governor and Chair of the Governing Body

Steve has been a governor at Collingwood since 2000 and is also chair of the governing body at Bagshot Infant School and a Member of the Ravenscote Multi-Academy Trust. Steve lives with his wife, who is a teacher, in Bagshot and all four of their sons attended Collingwood.

Steve began his career in marketing and advertising, working in a variety of roles with Boots, Unilever, Proctor and Gamble and Henkel. He combined his career in marketing with voluntary work as a governor and through this became involved in governor training and development and also served as an Ofsted inspector. His current role is Head of the Governance Consultancy for Babcock 4S. Steve was one of the first National Leaders of Governance to be appointed and has provided support, advice and guidance to governors in other schools throughout the South East of England in this role. He has a national profile in governance and is a regular speaker at national conferences and contributor to several national governance organisations.

Steve is also CEO of Harry and Ed's Aspiration Raising Trust (HEART) a local charity supporting children and young people, including many at Collingwood, to raise their aspirations and realise their full potential in life.

RUTH MURTON – Community Governor and Vice Chair of the Governing Body

Ruth is on her second term of office at the College. She lives in Woking and is married with three daughters and a grandson. Ruth's involvement with schools in Surrey Heath has spanned many years and is across several schools, both primary and secondary. Ruth has had a life time career within the education sector delivering services to schools and major education projects on behalf of business and government, including over 10 years' experience within a government agency and central government. Throughout her career she has been a governor at a variety of schools gaining extensive school governing experience across all phases and settings. As a director of her own leadership consultancy company, Ruth is an associate of the Governance Consultancy Team at Babcock 4S and a newly appointed Education Advisor for the South East Regional Schools Commissioner. Over the past 4 years, she has gained significant experience in leading and contributing to training sessions, conferences and courses for school leaders, business managers, governors and clerks to governors, not only in Surrey but also across several London boroughs too. Ruth is a National Leader of Governance providing advice and support to a variety of schools, academies and academy trusts.

KAREN GRIFFITHS – Co-Principal – Staff Governor

Karen joined Collingwood in 1986 as a part time Maths teacher, to cover a maternity leave. The following year she was asked to teach IT and Computer Science and she moved into a permanent position in the department! Having followed an unorthodox academic route herself, she is a great advocate of vocational qualifications and her first management role was as Vocational Coordinator. She moved into senior leadership as a result of her work with management information systems and progress data. She is fully committed to comprehensive education and has two children and four grandchildren, who live in catchment for Collingwood. She is a keen gardener and enjoys knitting, crochet and sewing.

EDEN TANNER – Co-Principal – Staff Governor

Eden joined Collingwood in 1979 and is the longest serving member of staff at the College. He has had a wide range of roles over this time, including Head of the Physical Education Department, Assistant Head of Year, Teacher Governor and Assistant/Senior Assistant/Vice Principal. Eden gained his Headship Qualification in 2006. He lives in Yateley, Hampshire with his wife and has three children - his wife and eldest daughter are teachers. Eden's hobbies include sport, theatre and travel.

HUGH COWAN – Community Governor

Having been a parent governor since the end of 2007, Hugh's maximum of two terms of office expired in 2015. He was invited to stay on as a community governor in September 2015. Hugh is retired from his role as a Planning Manager for British Airways, where he looked after the Scheduling Team that produced the flying schedules for the operation. Before that he held various roles, both operational and back room, at British Airways. He also identified the need for, and managed, the Process Re-Engineering project in BA Engineering in 1996 and created, devised and ran various corporate communications programmes for BA. Since he retired he has been helping a friend whose company has the BBC Top Gear, MasterChef and Alan Partridge merchandising licenses. He is married to Esther and has two daughters who attended Collingwood College, the elder of which has finished University and is working for Thales and the younger is now a Wedding Planner.

MARK ZYMELA – Community Governor

Mark was elected as a parent governor in November 2008. Before joining the governing body at Collingwood, Mark spent 5 years as a governor of Prior Heath Infants School. At the end of his term of office at the College in the autumn 2012, Mark was appointed as Community Governor. Mark's two daughters attended the College and are now both University graduates. Mark is a qualified Project Manager working for a global technology company.

SHARON GIRLING – Community Governor

Sharon Girling was appointed as community governor in September 2013. Sharon is a retired police officer and during her 30 year service was the school liaison officer for Collingwood and associated primary schools. She was the founder member of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and was responsible in numerous high profile child abuse investigations. Since her retirement Sharon has undertaken a number of projects for organisations and businesses both nationally and internationally using her policing skills.

EDWINA BRIDLE – Community Governor

Edwina was elected as a parent governor in December 2007 and appointed as community governor in January 2010. She has had two children at the College, the eldest works for Network Rail as a signaller and the youngest is at Birmingham University. The family have a wholesale nursery business in Windlesham, which Edwina co-directs with her husband. It is a long established family business and they employ from the local community, including students from Collingwood College. Edwina is a Bachelor of Science and, prior to running the business, Edwina worked in further education in Kent, lecturing in soil science and horticulture at the County Agricultural College. She provides training within the Horticultural Society and is an Apprenticeship Champion for this sector. Edwina is also Link Governor for SEN, Health & Safety and the current Chair of the Student Welfare & Community Committee.

MARIAN RAINE – Community Governor

Marian was appointed to the governing body in the spring of 2015. She worked for BOC Gases until 1987 and then completed her PGCE and joined Collingwood as a teacher of Business Studies. Marian remained at the College for 25 years. An advocate of vocational education, Curriculum development and inter school collaboration, she progressed from Head of Department and joined the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Specialist School status and co-ordination of the SHAPE network. Marian retired from Collingwood in 2012 and from the network role in 2016

DAVE WYKES - Community Governor

Dave was appointed as Community Governor in April 2017. He lives with his wife in Woodham and has a daughter who lives locally. He is a pragmatic engineer by nature, a Chemical Engineer by education and a Project Manager by profession. His main interest is “building things” and seeing them put to use. Dave has worked on many industrial gas projects around the globe for Air Products and a number of hydrocarbon process plants for various engineering contractors, both as an employee and self-employed contractor. Since retirement Dave has embraced a varied range of activities, namely Steam Locomotive Repair and Restoration (Watercress Line, Hants) and Model Railway Control Electronics, in addition to continuing previous interests in cars, motor sport, cooking and HIFI. He is looking forward to serving as a Governor as something completely different allowing the opportunity to use his experience to ‘give something back’.

NEILL CLARK – Parent Governor

Neill was elected as parent governor in January 2010 and was re-elected for a further 4 year term in November 2013. He and his wife Shirleigh have three daughters, all of whom attended Collingwood, and they have lived in the Lightwater area since 1989. He is an international Business Manager with over 30 years’ experience working in HR. Neill worked for several multi-national companies including: PwC, Lloyds TSB, and NOL Group. Whilst at PwC he was based in China for 2 years and Portugal for 1 year on assignments. He is currently working as an HR consultant for a variety of clients. Neill is a keen, if not very talented, cyclist.

JOHN WELCH – Parent Governor

John has been a parent governor at Collingwood since November 2013 and currently chairs the Curriculum Development Committee. He previously served for 8 years at Heather Ridge Infant School. He has two daughters currently at Collingwood and a younger son. Following an MChem in Chemistry and DPhil in Magnetic Resonance from the University of Oxford, John moved to Camberley with his wife in 2000 to take up a Software Engineering post where he still works. John has particularly interests in Maths, Science and IT.

JOHN WRIGHT – Parent Governor

John was elected as a parent governor in January 2016. He and his wife moved to Camberley in 1993, and they have two children, both at Collingwood. John has a degree in Electronic Engineering, a MBA from Henley and is a Chartered Engineer. John spent 19 years developing mobile phones with Nokia, during which time he had the opportunity to live and work in Japan and the USA. He is currently a Programme Manager with MasterCard based in Canary Wharf.

CHRIS BAILEY – Parent Governor

Chris was elected as a parent governor in January 2016 and has two sons who attend Collingwood. Chris currently works for a large civil engineering contractor based in Camberley, where he works as an Apprenticeship Manager overseeing the delivery and management of all apprenticeship programmes that they provide. Having previously worked at Collingwood College in the capacity of Year Manager, Chris understands the challenges faced within the College and is keen to support the ethos that all students are provided with the same opportunities to achieve and succeed.

VIV GARVEN – Parent Governor

Viv was elected as a parent governor in March 2017 and has a son who attends Collingwood and another child at a local junior school. Viv currently works for a large health company in the legal department as a Senior Trade Marks Paralegal, with responsibility for protecting the company's trade marks and has been there for 18 years. She is also a part-qualified trade mark attorney. Viv has lived in the Lightwater area for 11 years. She practices yoga and meditation and has a keen interest in health and wellbeing.

STEPHEN MOGOSE – Sponsor Governor Fluor

Stephen Mogose became a sponsor governor of the College in September 2005 and, after having served a term of four years, was re-elected in September 2009 for a further four year term of office and again in 2013. Stephen has lived in Crowthorne since 1990 with his wife Helene, and three daughters. He is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, and graduated in Chemical Engineering from University College London. Stephen is a director and technology consultant of Fluor Limited in Farnborough. Fluor Limited is part of Fluor Corporation, a \$10 billion US engineering and construction company, which employs around 1,300 people at its Farnborough office.

ELAINE SHANKS – Sponsor Governor Lilly

Elaine joined the governing body as the Lilly sponsor governor in December 2014. She works as a Research Scientist at Lilly's R&D site in Windlesham and has lived in the local area for the past 17 years. One of her responsibilities at Lilly is to supervise PhD, MSc and industrial placement students from both the UK and abroad. In addition to her scientific qualifications she completed her studies with the Open University Business School in summer 2016 and graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management.

NARGIS AKBAR-PHILLIPS – Teacher Governor

Nargis has a degree in Mathematics and statistics and a Masters in Operational Research, after which she joined London Underground Ltd on their fast track graduate recruitment programme. Within two years she became a project manager for the IT projects and then decided to change her career to teaching. Nargis has been teaching since 1998 and gained Advanced Skills Status at her previous school. She joined Collingwood as Head of Mathematics 5 years ago. During this time she has progressed to Assistant Principal via the Head of Faculty for Mathematics and Science. The staff at Collingwood elected Nargis as teacher governor in October 2013. She has 2 daughters, the oldest of whom is at Collingwood and Nargis therefore wears numerous hats; a member of Senior Leadership Team, teacher governor and parent.

LISA WILES – Teacher Governor

Lisa has a degree in Sports Science and Geography from Brunel University and did her PGCE at Reading University. She was elected as a teacher governor in October 2015 and has worked at the College for 16 years. Lisa has held the post of teacher of Geography, Head of Department, Head of the Humanities Faculty and is now Assistant Principal with responsibility for staff development.

She has two children, one at secondary and the other at primary school, so feels that she has a good understanding of the education system, both as a consumer and as one who helps deliver it.

Current Vacancies – Two Parent Governors and Staff Governor