

Diane Mulley – Chair of Governors

I am currently Headteacher at a local Primary School having moved to Spalding in 2003, from the North East of England where I began my teaching career with KS2 children. A teacher for over 20 years, I have taught in a number of schools in Middlesbrough, Darlington and more recently Spalding, and have held a number of leadership posts during this time.

I became a Parent Governor at the High School in 2014, having been a Governor at the school where I work for a number of years. More recently, I have been co-opted to the Governing Board. I am passionate about education and want the best for every child – their time at school is crucial if they are to realise their potential and develop key social and life skills. Being a Governor allows me to play a further part in this beyond my own school.

Eric Fragale MBE – Vice-chair & Co-opted Governor

I have been a High School Governor since 2005, first as a Parent Governor and now as a Co-opted Governor, I have been active in various challenges and topics within that timeframe. I am responsible on the Board for Safeguarding and take a keen interest in students' mental health. I enjoy working alongside so many people with such passion for education that are all working towards the same positive outcomes for our students at Spalding High School.

Michele Anderson – Headmistress

Teaching is a privilege and an inspirational and satisfying career. It is a job that I have thoroughly enjoyed since qualifying in the late 1980's. I have taught in four very different schools across Inner London (comprehensive), Kent (non-selective and then boys' grammar) and now Lincolnshire (girls' grammar). I was appointed to the Headship at the High School in April 2014 and moved here with my husband and daughter (who attended the High School). I still count myself as a classroom teacher and love my time in the classroom but I also believe that headship is the best job in the world and at the best school! The students are positive, vibrant and engaged in everything they do and are supported by a committed parent body. Our Governors, support staff and teachers are experienced and enthusiastic professionals who are passionate in their belief in, and support of, our students and each other. The esprit de corps is what makes this school so special.

Amanda Bailey – Parent Governor

I am a newly appointed Parent Governor at Spalding High School and this is my first Governor role. My daughter is in year 7 so I have a keen interest in the long-term success of the School. I work as a barrister and I am currently practising in healthcare regulation. Before that, I specialised in criminal law and have many years' experience prosecuting and defending cases in the crown court. I look forward to contributing my time, energy and professional skills to this role as both an advocate and a mother, in support of our school's ongoing standing and success.

Phil Barks – Co-opted Governor

In December 2018 I became a member of the governing body at Spalding High School, fulfilling a role of Parent Governor. In 2022 I then became a Co-opted Governor and continue to find the role extremely varied and interesting. I believe that Spalding High School is a friendly and welcoming place for students to thrive and learn and I feel privileged to be able to support the school in delivering the very best educational experience as well as being incredibly proud of their reputation and OFSTED rating. My daughter attended Spalding High School and left after securing excellent grades in all of her subjects. I have been in Construction Cost Management for over 25 years and I hope to be able to use some of these skills to help support the school.

Jon Blackburn – Associate Member

I started as Assistant Headteacher in September 2015 but have been in teaching for fifteen years. During that time, I was Head of two departments at another local school (MFL & ICT) and my background is modern languages. My specialism is German and I used to work as a translator. I grew up in Spalding where I now live with my wife and two children.

Caroline Cunnington – Co-opted Governor

A Community Governor originally at Spalding High School since 2002, I am a partner in Mossop & Bowser Solicitors. I specialise in making wills and powers of attorney, the administration of estates, trusts and tax planning and advising the elderly on their affairs. I am an “old girl” of the school and enjoy giving something back to the school where I spent many happy years. I live in Gedney Dyke with my husband and have a son who is now an adult and has left home.

Miles Dunnett – Co-opted Governor

I have lived in Spalding for more than 15 years, and have three girls; one in year 11 at Spalding High School and twin girls joining in September 2023. I stepped out of a London based Executive Director role to balance my time between work and family, and now work for myself from home. I am an Independent Director working on large shopping centres; for example in Birmingham, Cardiff, Paris and Peterborough. I have previously been a Governor at an inner London Secondary School, where I was Chair of the Finance and Property sub-committee during a large build project. I am used to a school environment and the incredible pressures on staff, and eager to help Spalding High School staff and students wherever possible.

Jill Ellis – Parent Governor

I am a senior lecturer at the National Centre for Food Manufacturing (NCFM), Holbeach, which is part of the University of Lincoln. Prior to this position, I worked in food manufacturing for 20 years.

At NCFM I am a champion of student engagement and wellbeing. I have recently taken up the role of school safeguarding officer, which covers both under 18's and more mature students. My daughter is thriving at the High School, and I really appreciate the opportunities she has been provided. As a Parent Governor I intend to support both the Governing body and the school with the skillset I have.

Russell Gregory – Co-opted Governor

I am a newly appointed Co-opted Governor at Spalding High School and look forward to contributing to such a highly regarded and reputable school. I currently have a daughter in the sixth form, who has received fantastic support from every member of the teaching staff, the support staff and other pupils within the school, and therefore welcomed the opportunity to become involved. I have an in-depth property and business background, and was a partner within a local property company for the majority of my career. I am currently a qualified Domestic Energy Assessor specialising in residential properties of all ages.

Robert Hemsall – Staff Governor

Although only appointed as Staff Governor in June 2024, I have worked at the High School since I started here in September 2014 as a Newly Qualified Teacher! In more recent years, I have also been appointed as both Head of PSHE and Head of History at the High School. I have experience working as an examiner for both GCSE and A-Level History. As Staff Governor, I am involved in the Standards Committee and the Full Governing Board Meetings. I live in Spalding with my wife and our two pet rabbits.

Ben Love – Associate Member

I joined Spalding High School in September 2018 as Assistant Headteacher. Prior to this, I taught for sixteen years at Spalding Grammar School, during which time I held various positions of responsibility at Pastoral, departmental and senior leadership level, most recently Head of Law and Director of Sixth Form Studies. My current responsibilities include the development of teaching and learning, the performance appraisal process, CPD and training days, NQTs and ITT, oversight of cover and main school pastoral oversight. I am also an Associate Member of the Governing Body.

Lara Ray – Associate Member

I joined Spalding High School in 1995 as a PE teacher and then started the Head of PE role in 1997. I am currently an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for safeguarding and student and community oversight. I feel it is a privilege to work with such wonderful colleagues and pupils and that is probably why I have spent my whole teaching career at the School! I thoroughly enjoy being part of the School Governing Body as well.

Julian Smith – Co-opted Governor

I began in September 2003 as a Staff Governor and became a Co-opted Governor in 2015. Prior to being employed at the School, I worked in industry dealing with large high street retailers in both a sales and procurement role. Following this, I was offered the chance of a newly created position in a rapidly developing IT department. During this time I project managed a number of large IT infrastructure installations, gained experience of managing budgets and Health & Safety within the workplace. In addition to my role as IT Manager at the School, I have become actively involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, supporting both Bronze and Gold level expeditions.

Tanya Waldron – Associate Member

I joined Spalding High School in September 2000 as Head of Biology. Prior to this, I taught for six years at The Robert Manning School (Bourne Academy). During my time at SHS I have held positions of responsibility at pastoral, departmental and senior leadership level. I was appointed to the post of Deputy Headteacher in September 2015 and my current responsibilities include whole school pastoral oversight, data analysis, examinations and timetable development. I am an Associate Member of the Governing Body and attend all Committee Meetings.