

### **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.

### **Miles Dunnett – Vice-chair of Governors**

I have lived in Spalding for 20 years and have three girls; two in year 9 at Spalding High School and one who started at University in 2026 after successful results achieved at the High School. 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, often to assist when they find themselves under financial and operational distress. 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.

### **Michele Anderson – Headmistress**

Teaching is a privilege and an inspirational and satisfying career. It is a job I have thoroughly enjoyed since qualifying in the late 1980's. I have worked in five schools across Inner London (comprehensive), Kent (non-selective and then boys' grammar) and now Lincolnshire (girls' and boys' grammar). I was appointed to the Headship of the High School in April 2014 and moved here with my husband and daughter (who attended the High). In September 2025, I was asked to assume the Executive Headship of Spalding Grammar School and now have the incredible honour of leading both schools. I still count myself as a classroom teacher but also believe headship is the best job in the world! Our students are positive, vibrant and engaged in everything they do and are supported by a committed parent body. Our Governors support the School and teachers are experienced, enthusiastic professionals who are passionate in their belief in, and support of, our students and each other.

### **Amanda Bailey – Parent Governor**

With a daughter in year 10, I have a keen interest in the long-term success of the School. I have a predominantly legal background and spent many years on my feet as a barrister, appearing up and down the country in the criminal courts and more latterly presenting cases involving the professional regulation of nurses. The areas I look after as a parent governor are law, sociology, careers and maths. I very much enjoy 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**

Associate Member and Assistant Headteacher at SHS since September 2015; having worked in education since 2001. Since then I have been Head of several departments including MFL, Business & ICT. My specialisms are Business, German and data management. Before teaching I managed a translation business in Kent.

### **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.

### **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 recently appointed Co-opted Governor at Spalding High School and look forward to contributing to such a highly regarded and reputable school. My daughter has now left the sixth form and moved onto an apprenticeship. During her time at Spalding High School she received fantastic support from every member of the teaching and support staff along with other pupils within the school, I have an in-depth property and business background, and was a partner within a local property company for the majority of my career. Part of my role was as a 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. I am also Chair of the Spalding Community Alcohol Partnership, working with other agencies as well as schools. 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, bringing with me experience gained over sixteen years at Spalding Grammar School, where I held a range of responsibilities across

pastoral, departmental and senior leadership levels, including Head of Law and Director of Sixth Form Studies.

In my current role, my responsibilities encompass the development of teaching and learning, performance appraisal, CPD and staff training, the support and mentoring of ECTs and ITT students and main school pastoral care. I also continue to teach A Level Law, which keeps me closely connected to the classroom and to the day-to-day experience of our students.

I am passionate about education as a transformative force, believing firmly that it provides individuals with the autonomy and flexibility to shape their own lives and make meaningful choices about their futures.

This conviction is also deeply personal - my step-daughter attended Spalding High School and benefitted greatly from its exceptional pastoral care and high-quality teaching, giving me a first-hand appreciation of what makes this school a truly special place to learn.

As Associate Member of the Governing Body, I bring both professional expertise and genuine personal investment to my role, with a particular focus on teaching and learning, staff development and the wellbeing of students.

### **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 my governance role in September 2003 as a Staff Governor and became a Co-opted Governor in 2015.

Prior to joining the school, I worked in industry, engaging with major high street retailers in both sales and procurement roles. I was later offered the opportunity to take on a newly created position within a rapidly developing IT department. In this role, I successfully project managed several large-scale IT infrastructure installations, while also gaining valuable experience in budget management and workplace health and safety.

Alongside my responsibilities as IT Manager at the school, I lead the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Bronze level and am actively involved in supporting participants through to Gold level.

### **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, attendance, examinations and timetable development. I am an Associate Member of the Governing Body and attend all Committee Meetings.