

Peter Gorton – Chair of Governors

Until my retirement in August 2007, I was Assistant Headteacher at Spalding Grammar School, having taught there as Head of Chemistry and Head of Science for thirty years. I am at present Chair of Governors at Spalding High School, having been Vice-chair for a number of years. I have served as a Governor at Spalding St. John's Church of England Primary School for the last twenty years and have served as both Chair and Vice-chair. I am married to Jill who was also a Science teacher, we have two grown up children: David is a professional musician, living at St Neots and is married with a daughter; and Michael who is a documents controller and lives in West London. I am a licensed lay minister at St. Mary and St. Nicholas Parish Church in Spalding.

Anita Toal – Vice-chair

I have been a Governor at the High School for many years, initially as a Parent Governor and now as a Co-opted Governor. I also served for fifteen years as a Governor of a local Primary School. I am a Solicitor and the Managing Partner of Maples Solicitors LLP in Spalding where I have worked since 1989 specialising in Family Law and Criminal Litigation. I am married with two children and my daughter attended Spalding High School. My outside interests include a love of literature and drama and as the children were growing up in my spare time, I studied for my second degree, a BA in Humanities with Literature so I have a keen interest in the work of our English and Drama departments.

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 attends 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.

Phil Barks – Parent Governor

I am married to Sarah and father to one daughter who is in Year 9 at the High School. I am a senior Project Manager for a construction company during the day but Spalding High School and my daughter's education are such an important part of our lives I'd like to support and offer my skills where applicable to Spalding High School and to support the Governing Body. I am used to dealing with people from all walks of life, am skilled in building management, HR, and finance/budgeting. I have in the past been a secretary for the PTA at my daughter's Primary School and I welcome the opportunity to develop my knowledge further. Like every parent, I want the best for my child – their time at school is crucial if they are to realise their potential and develop key social and life skills.

Whilst all Governors will have the best interests of the children in mind, I believe that it is vital that a Parent Governor is down to earth and approachable.

Jon Blackbourn – 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 Spalding with my husband and young son.

Eric Fragale MBE – 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 upon various challenges and topics within that timeframe. I enjoy working alongside so many people with such huge educational roles that are all pointing towards the same positive direction and gain of our students at Spalding High School.

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.

Diane Mulley – Parent Governor

I am currently Acting 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 nineteen years, I have taught in a number of schools in Middlesbrough, Darlington and more recently in 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. I am passionate about education and encouraging children to be engaged and inspired by learning in order to succeed and achieve. I live in Spalding with my husband and two children.

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 as 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.

Delia Williams – LA Governor

I have been a Governor since 2015, now the Link Governor. Former South Holland District Councillor. Chair of an Association for children with learning difficulties for sixteen years. Former Quartermaster for a volunteer corps for ten years. Married with two grown up sons.

Stephen Williams – Co-opted Governor

A Co-opted Governor at Spalding High School since 2015; I am a former County & District Councillor and a retired Ship Master, thereby being qualified in Accountancy and Management. While on LCC, I was Chairman of the Children’s Scrutiny Committee and the Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee.