

# **The Nobel School Governing Board**



# **Nobel**

*2020 - 2021*

## Peter Heppelthwaite



- **Chair of Governors**
- *Foundation Committee*
- *Link Governor for Health and Safety, and Strategic Planning and Development*
- *Co-opted Governor since June 2017*

As Chair since 2017, I oversee the Governing Board, supporting our Headteacher, his Management Team, our teachers and most importantly our students.

I am an actor, film director, theatre/ film producer and writer. I own a drama school "Limitless Academy of Performing Arts" in Royston, a props company and a film company. As a Managing Director, specialising in financial and developmental strategy, I have gained skills to lead a successful governing board. Two of my three daughters have studied at Nobel. One still attends.

Teaching and learning is my passion. I am proud to be leading this team.

## Martyn Henson



- **Headteacher**
- *Foundation Committee*
- *Ex-Officio Governor since September 2013*

Born in Northampton, went to an 'ordinary' comprehensive and then graduated from Birmingham University.

Started teaching a long time ago and have worked in four different schools. All previous schools were in north London, where I live.

I have five children and I'm married to another headteacher, Zoe, who works at a school in London.

I love most sports and I'm a bit obsessive with news and current affairs.

## Robin Spicer



- **Vice Chair**
- *Foundation Committee*
- *Link Governor for Safeguarding and Behaviour*
- *Parent Governor since May 2017*

I currently work within further education and support students in all matters relating to welfare. I have a passion for making a difference in people's lives and ensuring everyone has access to opportunities regardless of background, disability or life circumstances.

I have worked in further education and training for many years as both a trainer and teacher. In my spare time I support local football and losing pitifully against my children playing table tennis...

## Steven Chown



- **Vice Chair**
- *Foundation Committee*
- *Finance Working Party*
- *Link Governor for Business and Finance*
- *Co-opted Governor since June 2017*

I'm Steve Chown, the business and finance link governor and, until very recently, a parent of a Nobelian.

In my day job I'm a civil servant. I initially worked as a financial investigator but now work in a government policy role, specialising in corporate restructuring and insolvency.

## Jacquie Watts



- **Clerk to the Governing Board**  
since January 2017

I provide professional and administrative advice and support to the Governing Board. I am employed part time by Nobel, but work from home (except when attending meetings).

My background includes twenty-one years directly employed in education, both in senior management and governance roles, and a further twelve years of consultancy and freelance activities, including supporting governing bodies outside of Hertfordshire.

## Christine Crawley



- **School Business Manager**
- Finance Working Party
- Co-opted staff governor since May 2019

I am the School Business Manager and a Co-opted governor. I have worked at Nobel for 17 years; initially as the IT Network Manager. I have worked in schools for over 20 years.

## Kelly Hagland



- *Link Governor for Teaching and Learning*
- *Parent Governor since July 2019*

I have a son starting Year 10 and a daughter hoping to join Nobel in 2021. As a link governor, I am focused on assisting the staff at Nobel to maintain high standards and quality of teaching and to give every pupil the best chance of reaching their potential.

In addition to being a parent, for the last 10 years I have been a self-employed bookkeeper providing services to local businesses. I have over 20 years of experience in company finance departments and have accumulated a variety of relevant skills.

## Nick Hoffman



- *Link Governor for Character and Extra Curriculum*
- *Co-opted Governor since December 2015*

I am a Co-opted governor and have sat on the Governing Board for nearly 6 years. At present I'm the link governor for Character and Extra Curricular, having previously been linked to Progress and Outcomes as well as the PE department.

My day job is as an IT professional dealing mainly with retail based companies which I have been involved with for 35 years. Both my wife and daughter are at present at Nobel school as a teacher and student respectively. My interests are primarily any sports and I enjoy reading crime and history novels.

## James Kay



- *Staff Governor since December 2018*

I am Head of MFL (French, German, Spanish).

Being a school governor is an excellent opportunity for professional development for all staff, especially if you have any aspirations of senior leadership, either now or in the future. You see first-hand in meetings what the role of the senior leadership team entails and how they are held accountable by and work with governors. You also gain valuable knowledge of how the school works on a financial and policy level.

## Mark Laws



- *Co-opted Governor since June 2019*

I am a Co-opted governor at Nobel and also a Co-opted governor at Martins Woods Primary School. These governance roles align to both my boys' educational journeys. I am passionate about supporting them to be the best in whatever they choose to be and a great opportunity to do this is by contributing to the positive experience they receive at school by being a governor.

Outside of being a school governor, I work in IT and lead a large team that designs, builds and runs loyalty software for a significant number of clients across the globe.

## Rose Odudu



- *Link Governor for Curriculum and Subject Visits*
- *Co-opted Governor since June 2019*

My son and daughter attended Nobel for sixth form and have gone on to continue their studies at University.

I have over 20 years Civil Service experience in various roles including: Delivery Manager, Assistant Private Secretary to two Justice Ministers, Dominic Raab and Sam Gyimah, working on a range of portfolios such as Sentencing Policy, Electronic Monitoring, and litigation and transparency issues, and Engagement Manager in MoJ Project Delivery. Currently I am a Digital Project Manager on the Prisoner Escort and Custody Service Programme at Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service.

## Matt Reah



- *Finance Working Party*
- *Link Governor for KS3 and DA*
- *Partnership Governor since December 2019*

I am a Partnership governor with link responsibility for KS3 and DA (Pupil Premium). As a former Nobel pupil, I am passionate about the local community and reducing educational inequality.

In my day job, I work in London at a large accountancy firm, where I advise businesses on reward and employment issues, including remuneration and corporate governance. I am currently training to become a Chartered Accountant.

## Hilary Rodgers



- *Foundation Committee*
- *Finance Working Party*
- *Link Governor for Progress and Outcomes*
- *Co-opted Governor since January 2014*

I have been a Nobel governor since 2014, having previously been Chair of Finance at a primary school in Stevenage. I initially became a governor to take an interest in my daughters' education. My three daughters all attended Nobel and went on to study at University.

As a link governor I have responsibilities for monitoring progress and attainment data for KS3 and KS4.

I have a management degree and am a qualified accountant who spent sixteen years working in the City of London for a firm of Chartered Accountants.

## Kojo Wood



- *Foundation Committee*
- *Finance Working Party*
- *Link Governor for CLA*
- *Link Governor for Sixth Form*
- *Co-opted Governor since December 2018*

Governor with oversight of the sixth form, CLA and the School's Community efforts.

Passionate in ensuring that students are equipped with the right skills and attitude to prepare them for Higher education and/or the world of work!

I am a Chartered Certified Accountant and a UK qualified teacher with senior executive experience in education and industry. I currently serve as the Chair of the Audit & Governance Board of one of UK's largest charities and the Senior Pastor of one of the local churches in Stevenage.