

# **The Nobel School Governing Board**



# **Nobel**

*2021 - 2022*

## Peter Happlethwaite



- **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.

## Glenn Atkins



- Co-opted Governor since October 2021

I am a newly elected co-opted governor, who has a daughter at Nobel and a daughter at Martins Wood Primary, I am interested in learning more about secondary education and how I can support Nobel in being the best it can.

I work for one of the world's largest Professional Engineering Institutions, responsible for the assessment and award of Professional Registration titles (Engineering). I have a keen interest in the promotion of STEM. I am also a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

Outside of work I enjoy watching football and F1 along with listening to a wide variety of music.

## Manesh Chudasama



- Parent Governor since July 2021

I am a newly elected parent governor, who has a son at Nobel and a daughter at Lodge Farm Primary and am keen to learn about secondary education and its governance.

I am keen to promote STEM subjects, as they resonate with my education and employment background and am currently a Procurement Manager at a local Aerospace company, having moved to the town almost 20 years ago.

Outside of work I have a keen interest in most sports, socialising and enjoy running as a means of staying fit and leading a healthy lifestyle.

## Kelly Hagland



- **Vice Chair**
- Foundation Committee
- Link Governor for Teaching and Learning, KS3, and Governor Training
- 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, and Sports
- 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



- Link Governor for SEND
- 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



- Foundation Committee
- Link Governor for Teaching and Learning, Curriculum and Subject Visits
- Co-opted Governor since June 2019

I became a Co-Opted Governor at Nobel in July 2019. I am the Link Governor for CLA and Curriculum and Subject visits (2019/20). Both my son and daughter attended Nobel for sixth form and have since gone on to continue their studies at University.

I have over 20 years Civil Service work experience in various roles including as Delivery Manager and in the Ministerial Private office as Assistant Private Secretary to 2 Justice Ministers Dominic Raab and Sam Gyimah, working on a diverse range of portfolios such as Sentencing Policy, Electronic Monitoring and various litigation and transparency issues.

My current role is as a Project Manager on the New Prisons Programme at Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

## Wendy Parsley



- Co-opted (Staff) Governor since September 2020

I joined The Nobel School in 1999 for a six month maternity cover in the Drama department – 21 years later I am still here! Now the Director of Learning for Drama and Theatre Studies, I am passionate about all the Arts and how much they can enhance students' education and life skills as well as embedding much of the Nobelian ethos that is so important to our community both within the school and in the outside world. I am very honoured and proud to serve as a co-opted governor and hope that I can assist in helping our fantastic school to continue to flourish.

## Matt Reah



- **Vice Chair**
- Foundation Committee
- Finance Working Party
- Link Governor for Business and Finance, DA, and Pupil Premium
- Partnership Governor since December 2019

I am a Partnership governor with link responsibility for Business and Finance, DA and PP. 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 soon to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

## Robin Spicer



- Foundation Committee
- Link Governor for Safeguarding and Behaviour
- Parent Governor 2017-2021
- Co-opted Governor since May 2021

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...

Jacquie Watts	Kojo Wood
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clerk to the Governing Board</b> since January 2017</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Committee</li> <li>• Finance Working Party</li> <li>• Link Governor for Sixth Form, KS4, and CLA</li> <li>• Co-opted Governor since December 2018</li> </ul>
<p>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).</p> <p>My background includes twenty-one years directly employed in education, both in senior management and governance roles, and a further fourteen years of consultancy and freelance activities, including supporting governing bodies outside of Hertfordshire.</p>	<p>Governor with oversight of the sixth form, CLA and the School's Community efforts.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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 &amp; Governance Board of one of UK's largest charities and the Senior Pastor of one of the local churches in Stevenage.</p>