# The Nobel School Governing Board



2023 - 2024

# **Kelly Hagland**



Chair of Governors

Foundation Committee
Whistleblowing Governor plus
Achievement for All and SEND
Parent Governor 2019 – 2023.
Co-opted Governor since June
2023

#### **Martyn Henson**



#### Headteacher

**Foundation Committee** 

Ex-Officio Governor since September 2013

I have daughter in year 9 and my son also went to Nobel School. As Chair and parent 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 and I now work for an accountancy firm and a local Guitar shop. I have over 20 years of experience in company finance departments and have accumulated a variety of relevant skills.

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.

# **Matt Reah**



Co-Vice Chair of Governors
Foundation Committee
Finance Working Party
Link Governor for Business &
Finance, DA & Pupil Premium
Partnership Governor since
December 2019

#### **Mark Laws**



Co-Vice Chair of
Governors
Co-opted Governor
since June 2019
Link GovernorSafeguarding &
Behaviour

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

I am a Chartered Accountant working at a large accountancy firm in London where I advise businesses on remuneration issues.

I am a Co-opted governor at Nobel, and I am also the Safeguarding Link Governor and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board. 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

Co-opted Governor since June 2019

Foundation Committee

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 Minsters, 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.

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

## **Jamie Kellett**



Link Governor - Careers & Community Links and Sustainability

Partnership Governor since October 2022

I became a governor in October 2022 and as former pupil of Nobel I am keen to share the experience I've gained. I have over 15 years of experience in the real estate investment industry, currently working as part of a global asset management business focused on product strategy and development. I'm excited to support the excellent careers programme at Nobel and to work to ensure our students understand the wide variety of options they have once they leave school, along with how to make the most of the opportunities that will come to them.

Recognising interests and opportunity, and having the confidence and know-how to pursue them, should be something every Nobel student has.

# **Kojo Wood**



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

Governor with oversight of the sixth form.

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.

# **Chris Crawley**



**Foundation Committee** 

Link Governor – Health & Safety

Local Authority Governor since October 2022

# **Claire Sutton**



Foundation Committee

Link Governor for Culture of Scholarship and Enriching Lives

Co-opted Governor since October 2022

I'm a LA governor and have worked in education for 25 years. I previously worked at Nobel, initially as the Network Manager and subsequently as the Business Manager. I am semi-retired but still working in education, supporting primary schools with their finances. I am keen to continue to support Nobel to provide the best education for it's students.

I am the link governor for "Enriching Lives" (formerly Character and Extra Curriculum), aiming to give every pupil a rounded experience at school, and the best chance to reach their future potential.

I grew up in Stevenage, and returned after university and travelling. I'm mum to 2 teenagers (one currently at Nobel), and I work as Chief Marketing Officer for a German biscuit company.

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### **Shannon Parr**



Link Governor – Well Being and Mental Health, and Governor Training

Co-opted Governor since October 2022

# **Brett Facey**



Link Governor – Responsive Teaching

Co-opted Governor since October 2022

As a former Nobel Student, I am interested in supporting Nobel to be the best school it can be.

I'm an Operations Manager in my day job, at a back-office company supporting the recruitment industry.

Outside of work I love socialising, listening to music and podcasts, as well as going on walks in the countryside with my Labrador.

I am a newly elected co-opted governor. I attended Nobel from 2009 to 2016.

As a recent pupil of the school I am keen to ensure that pupils get the best possible experience and opportunities from their time at the school.

Professionally, I work as a Local Government Officer for a north London Council, and I also serve a Councillor on Stevenage Borough Council.

# Wendy Parsley



Co-opted (Staff) Governor since September 2020





Staff Governor since December 2022

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 coopted governor and hope that I can assist in helping our fantastic school to continue to flourish

I am Head of Year in Sixth Form and member of the Nobel Science faculty- teaching science to KS3, chemistry at KS4 and A level and lead for our Applied Science vocational course at KS5. Prior to teaching, I worked in pharmaceuticals as a medicinal chemistry group leader, interacting with multidisciplinary teams and external partners. I joined Nobel in 2009.

I derive great satisfaction in supporting students grow academically as curious, independent learners and to be positive members of the school, the wider community and to achieve their personal aspirations. I am pleased to join the Governing board and to have the opportunity to make a strategic contribution to the development of our school.

Outside of work, I enjoy being outdoors, walking, travel and exploring new places.

#### **Vacancies**

# **Jacquie Watts**



Clerk to the Governing Board since January 2017

2 x parent governors

2 x co-opted governors

1 x co-opted (staff) governor

as at 15/4/24

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 fifteen years of consultancy and freelance activities, including supporting school and other governing bodies outside of Hertfordshire.