





The Nobel School Governing Board











Nobel


2025 – 2026

Matt Reah		Rav Phagura	
	Chair of Governors Foundation Committee Finance Working Party Whistleblowing Governor Partnership Governor since December 2019		Headteacher Foundation Committee Ex-Officio Governor since September 2025
	<p>I am a former Nobel pupil and currently serve as a Partnership Governor and Chair of the Governing Body. I am passionate about the local community and reducing educational inequality. I'm here to do my part to ensure that every Nobel pupil gets the opportunity to go as far as their talent and hard work will take them.</p> <p>Outside of school governance, I am a Chartered Accountant and work for a bank.</p>		<p>I am very proud to be the Headteacher at The Nobel School. I joined the school as Headteacher in September 2025, and I feel very honored to be leading this school community. My degree is in History and Politics, and I have also completed a Masters. I am committed to driving excellence for our school community and look forward to giving our students a well-rounded education to enable them to be caring, confident and kind citizens of the future.</p>
Sophie Cowan		Mark Laws	
	Co-opted Governor since July 2024 Foundation Committee Link Governor – Achievement for All		Co-opted Governor since June 2019 Link Governor- Safeguarding (including Prevent) & Behaviour
	<p>I am a Co-Opted Governor, joining the Governing Board at the start of the 2024/5 academic year.</p> <p>I have spent over 20 years working in HR and recruitment, working with a range of businesses in different sectors. I currently work for a major local employer as HR Project Lead. I have been a Trustee and now Freedom to Speak Up Guardian for a local charity.</p> <p>I have lived in Stevenage for the last 20 years and am passionate about ensuring that young people locally have every opportunity available to them and are able to grasp those opportunities.</p>		<p>I am a Co-opted governor at Nobel, and I am also the Safeguarding Link Governor. I have one son currently with the school with my oldest son having just left 6th form. 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.</p>

Samuel Appiah		Rose Odudu	
	<p>Co-opted Governor since July 2024</p> <p>Foundation Committee</p> <p>Link Governor – DA & Pupil Premium</p>		<p>Co-opted Governor since June 2019</p> <p>Foundation Committee</p> <p>Link Governor - Responsive Teaching</p>
<p>As the link governor for DA and Pupil Premium, I am responsible for oversight of the school's provision for less advantaged students, ensuring that funding is directed effectively to support their progress and wellbeing.</p> <p>I am a Chartered Engineer with over 25 years of professional experience in civil and structural engineering, specialising in the delivery of building and infrastructure projects. As Director of a consultancy practice, I lead on structural design, project management, and advisory services for a wide range of clients.</p> <p>My background has given me strong skills in leadership, problem-solving, and strategic planning, which I am keen to apply in supporting the school and its pupils.</p>		<p>My son and daughter attended Nobel for sixth form.</p> <p>I have over 20 years Civil Service experience in a variety of positions including: Project Manager, 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.</p> <p>My current role is as a Project Manager on the Climate Change and Sustainability Electrical Repairs Project at the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Ensuring variety of ideas and representation within the school community is something I am passionate about.</p>	
Jamie Kellett		Kojo Wood	
	<p><i>Co-Vice Chair of Governors</i></p> <p>Partnership Governor since October 2022</p> <p>Link Governor – Enriching Lives, Careers & Community, and Sustainability</p>		<p>Co-opted Governor since December 2018</p> <p>Foundation Committee</p> <p>Finance Working Party</p> <p>Link Governor - Sixth Form</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Recognising interests and opportunity, and having the confidence and know-how to pursue them, should be something every Nobel student has.</p>		<p>Governor with oversight of the sixth form.</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 & Governance Board of one of UK's largest charities and the Senior Pastor of one of the local churches in Stevenage.</p>	

Chris Crawley		Claire Sutton	
	<p>Local Authority Governor since October 2022</p> <p>Foundation Committee</p> <p>Finance Working Party</p> <p>Link Governor – Health & Safety and Business & Finance</p>		<p>Co-opted Governor since October 2022</p>
<p>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 its students.</p>		<p>As a governor I have been aiming to maximise learning for every student across the whole curriculum, both in, and outside the classroom. Something I am very passionate about!</p> <p>I grew up in Stevenage, and returned after university and travelling. I'm mum to 2 teenagers (one currently at Nobel), and I work in marketing.</p>	
Shannon Parr		Samuel Dwamena	
	<p><i>Co-Vice Chair of Governors</i></p> <p>Co-opted Governor since October 2022</p> <p>Link Governor – Governor Training</p>		<p>Parent Governor since June 2024</p> <p>Link Governor - SEND</p>
<p>As a former Nobel Student, I am interested in supporting Nobel to be the best school it can be.</p> <p>I'm an Operations Manager in my day job, at a back-office company supporting the recruitment industry.</p> <p>Outside of work I love socialising, listening to music and podcasts, as well as going on walks in the countryside with my Labrador.</p>		<p>I am a Parent Governor and link governor for SEND.</p> <p>I am a teacher by profession with three boys and a girl. Three of my children are currently at year 12, 10 and 9, at The Nobel School.</p> <p>I have lived in Stevenage for the past 19 years, and my passion is to support the young people in our community through education to become successful and responsible adults.</p> <p>I also serve a minister at one of the local churches in Stevenage.</p>	

Helen Sparks		Jackie Mordaunt	
	<p>Parent Governor since June 2024</p> <p>Foundation Committee</p> <p>Link Governor – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion</p>		<p>Staff Governor since December 2022</p>
<p>I am a parent Governor, joining the Governing Board at the start of the 2024/5 academic year. I am link governor for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.</p> <p>I have lived in Stevenage for 40 years, and my son attends Nobel - currently in Year 9.</p> <p>I work as a full-time project manager for a multi-national IT company, currently delivering a transformed HR service for over 10,000 of our own employees.</p> <p>I am passionate about improving our local area, opportunities for all no matter the background and enabling the younger generation to achieve what they desire in life.</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>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 be on the Governing Board and to have the opportunity to make a strategic contribution to the development of our school.</p> <p>Outside of work, I enjoy being outdoors, walking, travel and exploring new places.</p>	
Richa Nair		Callum Green	
	<p>Co-opted Governor since July 2025</p> <p>Link Governor - Culture of Scholarship</p>		<p>Co-opted Governor since July 2025</p> <p>Link Governor - Wellbeing & Mental Health</p>
<p>I am a Co-opted Governor, joining the Governing Body at the start of the 2025/26 academic year.</p> <p>I work as a Senior Solutions Engineer, specialising in Mobile Network Operators and Mobility within Cloud and Enterprise environments. My career has given me experience in designing and delivering innovative technology solutions, working with global clients, and supporting businesses in navigating complex challenges.</p> <p>I am committed to supporting the school's vision and ensuring that every young person is equipped to succeed and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.</p>		<p>Professionally I have over 10 years' experience with roles from commercial buying into sustainability. I am currently studying a master's degree in Sustainability Leadership and Management.</p> <p>Having grown up in and around Stevenage, I want to give back to the community and support our young people to navigate their expanding world. Education is the foundation of a successful community, which is why I have chosen to become a Governor.</p> <p>Outside of work I am an avid sports fan, especially football and motorsport. I try to stay active by going to the gym and playing as much golf as I can.</p>	

Vacancies		Jacquie Watts	
			Clerk to the Governing Board since January 2017
<p>2 x co-opted (staff) governors</p> <p>Associate Members are non-statutory. Applications are welcome and will be considered on relevant skill sets</p> <p>as at 17/10/25</p>		<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 at the school).</p> <p>My background includes twenty-one years directly employed in education, both in senior management and governance roles, and a further seventeen years of consultancy and freelance activities, including supporting school and other governing bodies outside of Hertfordshire.</p>	