



# GOVERNOR BULLETIN ISSUE 1 2017-18

<b>Governors</b>	<b>Roles</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Terms of Office</b>
<b>Dave Hedley</b>	Chair	Community	21/09/2017- 30/09/2018
<b>Julie Oakley</b>	Operations	Community	01/09/2017 – 31/08/2021
<b>Caroline Baker</b>	SEND and Child Protection link	Community	03/07/2012 – 16/11/2020
<b>Matthew Smith</b>	New Governor	Parent	01/11/2017 – 31/10/2021
<b>Frederique Lagarde</b>	Teaching and Learning	Parent	15/04/2016 – 14/04/2020
<b>David Smith</b>	Operations (Health & Safety link)	Community	01/10/2013 - 30/09/2017
<b>Julian Oakland</b>	Operations	Staff	27/01/2014 – 26/01/2018
<b>Stephen Peverett</b>	Operations/Teaching & Learning	Parent	15/04/2016 – 14/04/2020
<b>Martin Towers</b>	Director of Services	Staff	N/A
<b>John Hill</b>	Vice Chair	Community	07/01/2015 - 06/01/2019
<b>Claire Parry</b>	Operations	Community	08/09/2015 - 07/09/2019
<b>Astrid Van Wilsem</b>	Chair of Teaching and Learning	Parent	01/12/2014 - 30/11/2018
<b>Jim Harker</b>	Operations	Parent	14/12/2016 – 14/12/2020
<b>Julie McBrearty</b>	Principal	Staff	N/A

Dear Parents / Carers

We issue a Governor Bulletin twice a year to share with parents some of the work that our governors undertake at Welland Park Academy.

Since July 2017 when we last wrote to you, governors have been involved in strategic development of our facilities. Over the course of the summer, we developed new facilities to support GCSEs in Art and DT. These facilities have been welcomed by our students in Key Stages 3 and 4.



Each governor visits the school each year to challenge and support the work to which they are linked on our School Development Plan (SDP). This term 5 governors have already visited us to monitor and discuss aspects of student attainment, behaviour and welfare.

We now also include interviews/meetings with students as part of each visit. Students are also given the opportunity to interview our governors so that they are aware of their roles within our school.

Two of our governors, John Hill and Jim Harker were involved in the recruitment of Year 11 students to leadership roles within our school. The successful students are now creating a KS4 newsletter to share information from our students' perspective.



Seth Vials – Head Boy Alice Skinner – Deputy Head Girl  
Andy Turner  
Trinity Armstrong-Griffiths – Head Girl Ruairidh Maclean – Deputy Head Boy

Each bulletin we invite 2 students to interview one of our governors and vice versa. On this occasion, 2 Year 11 students interviewed John Hill our Vice Chair of Governors.

**GOVERNOR/STUDENT MEETING**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

The 2 students discussed the role of governors; a student straw poll conducted by the boys had determined that students are generally uncertain of the role of governors. John spent time outlining the structure of the full governing body including the 3 committees. John outlined some of the strategic decisions undertaken by governors and examples of where governors are involved in panel meetings or staff recruitment.

The students shared their own views on developments at Welland Park in terms of facilities, GCSE options and their considerations for post 16 education.

Governors have been working to develop a robust programme to support well – being for all students at Welland Park. The students described some of their recent activities and there followed some discussion regarding how well students had received work with Humanutopia to develop strategies for dealing with stress, particularly in the exam period.

The students made some suggestions to premises development to enhance provision for students in the future; John will raise these at the next Operations committee meeting.

**Governor: John Hill**

**Students from Year 11:** Seth Vials and Ruiraidh Maclean

On a final note, governors were involved in the recruitment of the new SENDco Mrs Napier. After a commendable 40 years Mr Turner is retiring and Mrs Napier, a highly qualified practitioner will take up this post in January. Governors are mindful that the learning support department is a key strength at Welland Park and will work through the Senior Leadership Team with Mrs Napier and her colleagues to ensure a seamless transition in the new term.

If you are interested in joining our governing body, please contact the PA to the Principal Mrs Burgess to arrange a visit  
[burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com](mailto:burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com)

We wish all of our students, parents, governors and staff a peaceful break and a merry Christmas.

Dave Hedley  
Chair of Governors

