



Mr Geoff Marshall
Co-Chair
Appointed Trustee

Geoff ... I am a local business owner and I have been a Trustee at Stroud High School since 2003, first as Parent Governor, with my three daughters passing through the school, and subsequently as Community Governor until the change to Academy status. I have chaired the Student Learning Committee and was Chair of the Finance Committee until I moved to live and work in Dubai in 2013 for six years, from where I regularly joined meetings remotely when not actually in the UK. I have been Co-Chair of the Trust Board since 2022.

My interests in the governance at SHS centre on the business finance and buildings development, though I also have a keen interest in Admissions, having had personal experience of the process.

Committees: Co-Chair of Trust Board, Admissions (Chair), Audit, Pay Review, Resources (Vice-Chair), Steering (Co-Chair), Student Learning. May attend other committees. Environmental Sustainability Planning Trustee.



Mr Ian Smith
Co-Chair
Parent Governor

Ian ... I am a parent governor elected in 2023 and was appointed Co-Chair of the Trust Board in 2025. Since my daughter started school in 2015 I have worked on the governing bodies of three different local primary schools: voluntary controlled, voluntary aided and within a multi-academy trust. I have led many board committees and became Chair of Governors for all three schools.

I am keen to help schools to deliver high quality education for all pupils and I have been closely involved in safeguarding, teaching & learning, school improvement, OFSTED inspection, school finance and whole community engagement.

I worked for 30 years as a senior leader within the marketing and digital sectors of the financial services industry. I am also a Parish Councillor for Siddington where I live with my wife and daughter, and our chocolate Labrador.

Committees: Co-Chair of Trust Board; all Committees. Deputy Safeguarding Trustee.



Mrs Mel Brown
Vice-Chair
Parent Governor

I became a parent governor at the end of January 2024 when my daughter was in Year 9 and is the third generation of my family to attend SHS. I was appointed Vice-Chair of the Trust Board in 2025. My professional background was in Procurement and Manufacturing before retraining as a Learning Support Worker. I chair independent panels hearing school admission appeals and exclusion reviews for GCC. While my main experience lies within SEND, I am looking forward to developing my knowledge in other areas within the school. It is a great privilege to be part of a dedicated team working to overcome challenges faced by the school. I believe in inclusion and supporting all students to achieve their best outcomes.

Committees: Vice-Chair of Trust Board; Admissions, Audit, Health and Safety, Inclusion, Resources, Safeguarding and Online Safety, Student Learning. May attend other Committees. Looked After Child Trustee. SEND Trustee.



Mr Phil Anley
Parent Governor

Phil... I am a father of three, married to Rachel. Having grown up in the Mourne Mountains region of Northern Ireland, I attended boarding school in England, then graduated Trinity College Dublin in 1999 with an MA in English Literature. In that same year I formed Flickernet Ltd, a computer training company. To achieve QTS I studied a Middle Years PGCE at Bath Spa University, where I met Rachel. There followed twelve years of Primary school teaching during which I was made Deputy head and gained the NPQH. I also served for ten years as Teacher Governor. In 2018 I moved to Secondary teaching, specializing in Computing, as well as teaching English and Humanities. Four years into Secondary teaching I went independent, offering Physical Computing consultancy and technology-integrated learning support through Flickernet. In addition, I serve as a director of community interest and estate management companies. Flickernet was founded on the Christian principle of providing those who might otherwise be overlooked with the chance to thrive – in this case through innovative uses of technology. Today that is increasingly geared towards working with underprivileged children, including those who are neurodivergent, or who experience physical disabilities. Recently I have established a woodland outdoor learning facility in Northern Ireland which caters for autistic children and serves as a testbed for environmental sensing equipment.

Committees: Inclusion, Resources, Student Learning.



Mea Bradley
Appointed Trustee

I studied at Stroud High from 2013 to 2020, and my time there laid a strong foundation for my academic and personal growth. Following my interest in science, I pursued and completed a BSc in Biochemistry at the University of Birmingham. Currently, I work at Renishaw, where I apply my experience in STEM in a dynamic and innovative environment.

Outside of my professional life, I am passionate about sports, being involved in netball, both as a player and a coach at Randwick Netball Club.

As a recent alumna of Stroud High, I look forward to bringing a unique perspective to the school's community. My experiences as a student and now as a professional will hopefully allow me to contribute meaningfully to the ongoing development and success of the school and its students.

Committees: Resources



Dr Dylan Davies
Appointed Trustee

Dylan ... I joined the Stroud High School Governing Board as a Parent Governor in October 2008, having previously served as a Parent Governor at the Croft School, Painswick. In 2012 I became Chair of the Student Learning (formerly Curriculum) Committee and from October 2022-October 2025 I acted as Co-Chair of Trustees. My professional background is in engineering and management in the oil and gas industry.

The aspects of school governance that I enjoy the most are the challenges of collectively making the right decisions for the school in uncertain times, and the positive attitude throughout the school, across students, staff and the governing board.

Committees: Audit, Pay Review (Headteacher Appraisal), Resources, Steering, Student Learning (Chair). Well-Being Trustee.



Mr Matt Hannam
Staff Governor

Matt ... I spent my early life working for the family business in Gloucestershire. I graduated with a BA in English Literature in 1995 and spent two years working for Transco on the emergency despatch sector co-ordinating gas engineers across the South West. In 1997, I moved to Wye in Kent to begin a post-graduate course, a part of which included a dissertation on the presentation of terrorism in modern literature. Whilst studying, I worked part-time with a publisher of an International Aviation magazine and finished my MA in Modern Literature in 1998.

Returning to Gloucestershire, I decided to become a teacher and completed my PGCE in 1999 with Distinction. I have taught English at Stroud High for over twenty years and it has been a privilege to have been the Head of the English Department since 2006. In the same year, I got married and the following year my son Dylan was born. My daughter Francesca started at Stroud High in 2021. My wife Nicky is also a teacher of art at the Cotswold School.

Committees: Student Learning.



Mr Richard Henshall
Parent Governor

Richard ... I am the father of a daughter who joined Stroud High in 2021 and my son is at Marling. My wife used to be a junior school teacher and is a governor at our local community school. We live in Luckington where both children attended the school. I am currently a Director at the Cabinet Office, running a programme to bring efficiencies and improvements across a number of government departments.

Before that I worked mainly in financial services including for Nationwide Building Society. When I am not working, my favourite thing to do is being with the family. I also like running and cycling and messing about with old cars.

Committees: Student Learning.



Mrs Louise McGinty
Appointed Trustee

Louise ... I was originally a parent governor elected in March 2018. I have now been elected on to the Board by the Trustees as my daughter is no longer at Stroud High.

I am a school improvement adviser for Wiltshire County Council. As well as this I work in a private capacity on the National Professional Qualification suite of leadership programmes and as a coach for Microlink and Teaching Times in their Raising Achievement with Wellbeing programmes. I have valuable knowledge of how to implement and evaluate good practice in these areas in schools. As a primary school leadership specialist, I have extensive experience as an education consultant and specialise in special educational needs teaching and leadership.

I have been Trustee at my children's primary and secondary schools so I understand the commitment, role and demands of being a Trustee. I am keen to support the development of the school, as the challenges facing the school now will affect a generation of girls coming through the school, so it is important to get them right.

Responsibilities: Safeguarding Trustee, Stroud & Rodborough Education Charity Trustee.



Mr Mark McShane
Headteacher

Mark ... I have been a Trustee since my appointment as Headteacher back in January 2014. I attend all of the Trustees' Full Board meetings and all committee meetings.

It is a pleasure to work with such a committed and dedicated team of Trustees, all of whom work so hard to plan the strategic future of the school.

Committees: All committees.



Mr Jonathan Morley
Appointed Trustee

Jonathan ... I have been a trustee at the school since 2012 and for many years was Vice-Chair of the Trust Board. I am a solicitor practising corporate law and bring to the governing board my understanding of legal and business affairs. I have also previously been a governor at a local village primary school.

The aspect of school governance that I enjoy the most is working as part of a team to find ways to overcome the different challenges faced by the school.

Committees: Admissions (Vice-Chair), Audit, Pay Review (Chair), Steering.



Mrs Jacqui Phillips
Appointed Trustee

Jacqui ... I have been a trustee at Stroud High School since 1999 and was Chair of Trustees from 2001 until 2022. I have also served 23 years as a primary school governor and worked as an additional governor or interim executive board member at five other schools.

Before having children, I worked firstly for London Transport and then as a traffic engineer linking signals via computers to optimise vehicle movement in city networks throughout West Yorkshire. Arriving in Gloucestershire with two daughters I followed them into school and became a governor.

I enjoy all aspects of governance and have chaired a variety of committees over the years, but I feel passionate about wanting students to be able to access the best available education.

Committees: Admissions, Health & Safety, Pay Review. Health & Safety Trustee.



Dr David Pickard
Appointed Trustee

David ... I was elected to the Board in July 2026 following a four-year term as a parent governor. I am currently working in a London University building a cyber security centre of excellence and lecturing on computer science, cyber security and entrepreneurship.

I have previously worked in the defence and public sectors where I have built up experience in strategy and policy making as well as finance and planning. I have also been the treasurer and trustee of the school's PSA, helping to raise funds over the past few years to support the school's activities. I look forward to helping the school to build its own teaching and learning over the next few years.

Committees: Admissions, Audit (Chair) Inclusion, Safeguarding & Online Safety. Cyber Risk Scrutineer. Careers Trustee. Online Safety Trustee. PSA Link.

Miss Hayley Sims Parent Governor	Hayley ... I joined the Stroud High School Board of Trustees in 2024. As a mother of three girls, with my eldest daughter at the school, I have a strong personal interest in the continued success and development of this exceptional institution. Since 2017, I have served as a parent governor on the boards of an academy trust, a community primary school, and a local playgroup, giving me valuable insight into the diverse challenges and opportunities within educational governance. Professionally, I am a practicing solicitor with 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. Throughout my career, I have advised numerous committees, boards, and working groups, with governance at the core of my responsibilities. I currently hold the position of Head of Law for the Districts and Boroughs of Gloucestershire and serve as the Monitoring Officer for Stroud District Council. These roles have provided me with the skills to navigate complex regulatory environments and uphold high standards of integrity and ethical conduct. I am committed to supporting Stroud High School in maintaining its outstanding reputation, ensuring accountability, and acting as a critical friend to foster the best interests of our students. I look forward to utilising my legal and governance experience to contribute to the school's continued success and development. Committees: Student Learning.
 Mr Keith Withers Appointed Trustee	Keith ... I am very proud to be able to serve on the Board of Trustees at Stroud High School and to continue my long association with the school. An old Marlintonian myself, I have had two older sisters, two nieces and three daughters educated at Stroud High. I have been a primary governor for many years, so it seemed a natural progression to follow into secondary governance in 2003. Being a practical farmer, I have few formal qualifications to offer other than long experience and a pragmatic approach to problem solving. Committee work is very rewarding, being able to discuss issues in depth; I particularly enjoy the strategic discussions which take place in Steering Group. Committees: Admissions, Audit, Pay Review (Headteacher Appraisal), Resources (Chair), Safeguarding & Online Safety, Steering.
 Ms Julia Merrett Governance Manager	Julia ... I have been the Sixth Form Administrator at Stroud High since 2011 overseeing the admissions process into Y12 and advising on UCAS applications and post-18 destinations. During my career I have held various administrative roles within the legal sector working for both solicitors and barristers. Prior to joining SHS, I lived in Brussels for 16 years where I held the post of Legal Editor at an international law firm covering all aspects of EU law and greatly enjoyed meeting and working with people from a variety of linguistic backgrounds and cultures from across Europe. Changing from the legal to the education sector has been an incredibly rewarding experience. There is a real sense of community and teamwork at SHS – the culmination of which is watching Y13 progress to their next steps as young adults.