

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

Governing Body 2020

1. Dr Jane Powell – Community Governor (Chair of Governors/Member)

An international world class sportswoman and former England World Cup Cricket Captain. Former Olympic Hockey coach, currently National Talent Development Manager, Performance Director for English Lacrosse. A qualified PE teacher, who has worked in state schools for 25 years, before moving into management roles with National Governing bodies of sport. Jane's roles in school included Head of PE, Head of Year and Head of Sixth Form, and staff governor. Jane's strengths in performance and education can easily be translated into today's education agenda. Jane has been a Community Governor since December 2014.

2. Mr Hugh Cooper – Community Governor

Hugh has been a governor at Waynflete Infants' School, Brackley, since 1992 and a governor at Magdalen College School since 1993, serving as Chair for 12 years. He has a first class honours degree in Economics and Accounting from Birmingham University and a Master's Degree in business from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, USA. His business career has covered a wide range of activities and industries over several decades, ranging from financial controllership through to Finance Director in both private and public quoted companies. Since 1991 Hugh has been a consultant specialising in evaluation of leisure resort developments and fractional ownership projects for multi-national clients throughout the world. He is now semi-retired whilst maintaining an interest in family businesses involved in farming and property.

3. Mr Jonathan Bilson – Parent Governor (Chair of Education & Welfare Committee)

Jonathan was Vice Chair of Governors of Maids Moreton C of E Primary School from 2007 to 2009. The school was graded by Ofsted as excellent in 2008. He has contributed to a paper for the Department of Education on improving children's services, and was a commissioner of children's health services. Previous positions include Assistant Director level in local government, NHS roles in service transformation, patient safety and commissioning, as a Management Consultant providing specialist contracting advice to clinical commissioners, and as a Chartered Management Accountant, regularly handling a range of data and performance information. He was also a Non-Executive Director of a housing association and has over 15 years senior management experience.

4. Mr Daniel Garratt – Community Governor (Chair of Finance, Resources & Personnel Committee)

Daniel has a degree in agriculture and worked as a production manager before deciding to become an accountant. Daniel has produced accounts in both public and private sector and has also run projects to improve core data, systems and processes in finance. His very broad experience in finance and helping people implement change is what he brings to support the school as a governor.

5. Dr Mark Pobjoy – Foundation Governor

Senior Tutor of Magdalen College, Oxford, with twenty-six years of University teaching experience in Oxford, the USA and Italy, in Greek and Latin language, literature, and history, and a variety of classical subjects.

6. Mr Colm Harte – Parent Governor

Colm has been a Parent Governor for a number of years and has a special interest in Disability & Special Educational Needs (DSEN).

7. Mrs Sheila King - Staff Governor

Cover Manager at Magdalen for 9 years. Was instrumental in the federation of her local infant and junior schools where she was Chair of Governors. Previously a software engineer, systems analyst and IT trainer.

8. Dr Nick Dixon – Staff Governor

Head of Science Faculty, responsible for careers information, advice, guidance and support. Writes school textbooks, has worked with BBC Science, and sits on the Education Committee of the Royal Society of Biology. Has worked with young offenders and taught English in South America.

9. Mrs Sara Thomas – Staff Governor

Sara has taught English, Sociology, History and PSHE at Magdalen College School over the past 12 years. In her career, Sara has worked for a steering group for the government on sex education policy and piloted several drug awareness initiatives for the BBC. She has been the Educational Advisor for the South Gloucestershire LEA providing support and training for head teachers, governors and parents on citizenship and the curriculum. Also, Sara taught English during the 4 years she lived in the USA. Outside the education environment, whilst living in the Middle East for 3 years, she worked for a Saudi Arabian Aviation Company producing aircraft manuals. Sara was appointed as a Staff Governor in May 2019.

10. Dr Ben Naylor – Parent Governor (Vice Chair of Governors/Member)

Appointed as a governor in February 2018, Ben has a degree in engineering and PhD in supply chain management, both from Cardiff University. Since leaving university Ben has worked in a variety of industries and is currently a Director of Amtico International, a UK flooring manufacturer. Ben is also a coach at Brackley Rugby Club in the Junior section.

11. Mr Neil Arnold – Parent Governor

Neil has a broad business background working at a strategic level in a number of multi-national companies and is presently self-employed as a business consultant. Neil has experience of state and private school provision and is a serving member of Buckinghamshire County Council's Independent Admissions Appeal Panel. Neil has been a Magistrate for some 17 years and along with his other leadership roles on the bench is also Deputy Chair of the Youth Panel. Neil also has a long history of voluntary service in the community and is Chairman of a very successful local Youth Cricket club. Neil was elected as a Parent Governor in July 2017.

12. Mr Graham Ellis – Parent Governor

Appointed as a Parent Governor in December 2018, Graham's career was in fuels and lubricants marketing culminating in becoming the CEO in Norway and then the UK. Since then Graham has held a number of Non-Executive Director and Chairman roles in Health and Defence in the Public Sector. Graham is currently Chairman of the Oil and Pipelines Agency and Non-Executive Director of Defence Medical Services (both MoD). He is Chairman of 3rd Buckingham Scout Group and Chairman of Preston Bissett Parish Council.

13. Prof Christian Leitmeir – Foundation Governor

Associate Professor of Music at the University of Oxford and Tutorial Fellow in Music at Magdalen College since 2015, with nearly twenty years of teaching experience in musicology in Germany, England and Wales and further afield, including guest lecturers and seminars in the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Poland. Since 2016 he has been running the Faculty of Music's UNIQ summer school for pupils from underprivileged and disadvantaged backgrounds. Christian was appointed as a Foundation Governor in July 2019.

14. Mrs Louise Aird – Local Authority Governor

Louise holds a degree in Music along with Post-Graduate certificates in Education and the National Professional Qualification for Headship. She is an experienced Primary School Head Teacher with twenty five years' experience in teaching across 3 different Local Authorities. For the past ten years she has tackled underachievement and sustained aspirational outcomes for children across schools at both a Head and Executive Head Teacher level. Louise also sits as Vice-Chair of a Fostering panel. Outside of education and aspirations for vulnerable children, she is also a member of Brackley Methodist Church. Louise was appointed as the Local Authority Governor in November 2019.

15. Miss Helen Pike – Foundation Governor

Helen Pike is Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford. Educated in the state sector, she read Modern History at the University of Oxford, was a postgraduate student in the USA, and taught at the University of Warwick. Helen began her school teaching career at Westminster, then spent many enjoyable years in pastoral and academic roles at City of London School, St Paul's, and RGS Guildford. From 2013-16 she was Headmistress of South Hampstead High School. She is also a novelist and academic editor. Helen was appointed as a Foundation Governor in July 2019.

Mr Ronald Sawbridge MBE - Member of the Academy Trust

After serving as an RAF Navigator, Ronald held senior positions in several companies within the frozen food industry, eventually becoming the Managing Director of his own company. After taking early retirement in 1989, Ronald ran his own limousine hire company for 10 years. Having been a County Councillor since 2001, and Chair in 2011-12, Ronald is now an Alderman. Ronald has a particular interest in the welfare and education of children. Ronald was a Local Authority Governor at Magdalen College School from 1994 until 2013, and has also been a governor at Bracken Leas Primary School. Ronald and his wife were local authority foster carers until 2014. In 2014 Ronald had the honour of being awarded an MBE for services to children and families.

Mr Andrew Anderson – Foundation Member of the Academy Trust

Andrew worked in the healthcare industry since leaving school, working in a variety of sales, marketing and technical roles in the medical device and diagnostics sector. For the last 15 years has been manager of his own company, Crawford Medical, which started as a distribution business in healthcare simulation and training products but now offers management consultancy to the NHS. Andrew trained as a biochemist and has a diploma in marketing from the Chartered Institute, and in 2014 passed the Diploma in School Business Management. He is a qualified trainer for Myers Briggs personality profiling and is a former Chairman of the UK trade Association for medical diagnostics.

Andrew was a governor of Newbottle & Charlton Primary School from 2000 to 2007 and of Magdalen College School from 2006 until 2017, during which time he was Chair

of Governors for two years. Andrew was appointed by Magdalen College Oxford as the Foundation Member of the Academy Trust on 1 December 2017.

Mrs Janet Dingvean – Member of the Academy Trust

Janet has a degree in Psychology and when her children were all settled at school she trained to be a primary school teacher. After a 25 year career which included being a headteacher in London and Brackley she decided to retire. Her experience as a governor has included both local authority and academy schools. Whilst a headteacher in Brackley she was a founder member of the Brackley Area Learning Partnership which enabled local primary schools and Magdalen College School to work in close partnership for the benefit of all students' education and well-being. Immediately after retirement she was approached to head up a PGCE course for primary teachers at the Grand Union Training Partnership which she led until August 2019. She currently works in a part-time capacity as a Specialist Leader of Education for the Swan Alliance Teaching School. Janet was appointed as a Member of the Academy Trust in March 2019.