St Peter's School, York

GOVERNOR PROFILES 2023-24

Chair

BILL WOOLLEY

Chair of the Board, Chair of the Process & Co-ordination Committee, member of the Bursary & Hardship Committee and International Schools Committee
Chartered Civil Engineer with 30 years in Local Government including the last 16 years with City of York Council as Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director of City Strategy.
Currently development consultant and director of two local development companies.

Vice Chair DR NIGEL DURHAM

Chair of the Property & Facilities Committee, member of the Bursary & Hardship Committee, Finance Committee, Process & Co-ordination Committee and Property & Facilities Committee. Governor responsible for Health & Safety.

Consultant Cardiologist at York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust for 12 years, with 5 years managerial experience as Clinical Director of Acute and General Internal Medicine. Trustee of York Sports Club and Chairman of York Cricket Club for over 10 years. Former parent and Old Peterite.

Vice Chair

CATHERINE BAKER

Chair of the Bursary & Hardship Committee, member of the Education Committee and Process & Co-ordination Committee

Works extensively in the sports sector, coaching and mentoring senior leaders, elite athletes and elite coaches. Author of Staying the Distance: the Lessons from Sport that Business Leaders have been Missing (2023). Trustee of the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. Previously worked as a corporate lawyer and now chairs the O Shaped Lawyer. Former parent.

MARK CALVERT

Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of the International Schools Committee, member of the Property & Facilities Committee and guest at the Process & Co-ordination Committee Recently retired having been Chief Executive Officer of a large, private environmental services company. Previously HRH Ambassador to Yorkshire and the Humber. Currently Chair of the York Minster Neighbourhood Forum and a member of the Minster Finance Committee. Former parent.

HARVEY DOWDY

Member of the Property & Facilities Committee

Director of Estates, Technology & Facilities at the University of York and a member of the University Executive Board. Former Director of Estates at the University of Lincoln and Deputy Director of Estates at Durham. Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Lay Canon and Lay Master of the Fabric at Lincoln Cathedral. Former parent.

IENNY COPLEY-FARNELL

Member of the Finance Committee and Education Committee and Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Pharmacist with 7 years of regional management experience in the retail sector. Old Peterite 1993-2003. Current parent

MR JONATHAN GILL

Consultant Urologist in Harrogate since 2014, with previous roles and experience as clinical lead, educational supervisor and currently departmental lead for the Medical Advisory Committee at the Duchy Hospital. Current parent.

DR SIMON HINCHLIFFE

Member of the Education Committee

Headmaster, Bradford Grammar School, formerly Deputy Head. Previously Head of Sixth Form and Teacher of Geography, Wolverhampton Grammar School. Significant experience of academic and pastoral leadership, and outdoor education in HMC schools. Formerly worked in HE as a junior lecturer and Earth scientist.

REVEREND CANON DR VICKY JOHNSON

Member of the Education Committee, Governor responsible for DEI

Canon Precentor at York Minster overseeing Music and Worship and a member of the Chapter. Trustee of the National Centre for Early Music and the Montgomery Trust. Former Residentiary Canon at Ely Cathedral and Parish Priest in Manchester with experience of governorship at two primary schools and a Fellow and Provost of the Woodard Corporation. National roles on the Mission Theology Advisory Group, Church of England Environment Group, Mission and Public Affairs Council, work in the area of Science and Religion and the teaching of Homiletics and Liturgy. Formerly worked as a Cancer Research Scientist.

CHARLOTTE SMART

Chair of the Governance Working Group, member of the Finance Committee, Property & Facilities Committee and International Schools Committee. Governor responsible for pastoral care.

Until recently, a Legal Director at Addleshaw Goddard LLP where she spent many years advising a wide range of clients on private client and charity law issues. She is currently a Trustee of the Hunslet Club in Leeds.

ADRIAN TAYLOR

Member of the Education Committee

Former Head of three schools: St Joseph's RC Primary (3-11) 1987 – 1993, Barlborough Hall, Co-ed day and boarding (3-13) 1993-1998, Berkhamsted Prep, (3-11) 1998-2013. Educational Consultant specialising in the appraisal of Heads and their SMT. Former ISI Inspector, former IAPS History adviser, former Governor of Mill Hill School.

SIR JOHN TOWNSLEY

Chair of the Education Committee, member of the Bursary & Hardship Committee and International Schools Committee and guest at the Process & Co-ordination Committee A Headteacher since 2003, Sir John is credited with the turnaround of a large number of schools in the Leeds city region. A National Leader of Education he was also a founding member of the Ofqual Board. An experienced inspector of schools, Sir John now leads one of the highest performing academy trusts in the country.

GISELLE VIDIC CATTORINI

Member of the Finance Committee

Head of Education and Telecommunications Infrastructure at HSBC. Two decades of experience as advisor to Education businesses globally on strategy and capital structure. Masters in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration with orientation in Finance.

PAUL WIDDICOMBE

Member of the Finance Committee and the Property & Facilities Committee and Governor responsible for risk.

Fellow of the Chartered Securities Industry, working in investment management for over 25 years with Capel-Cure Sharp, heading the Barclays Wealth then Brewin Dolphin York offices; area of expertise include work for individuals, trusts and charities. Acts as a Trustee of several charities and is a York guild member. Old Peterite & former parent.

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