

St Peter's School, York

GOVERNOR PROFILES 2025-26

Chair

CATHERINE BAKER

Chair of the Full Board & the Remuneration Committee, Member of Governance and Nominations Committee, Interim Chair of the International Schools' Committee, Ex-officio Finance & Estates Committee, Bursary & Community Engagement Committee and the Education Committee.

Leadership and Mindset Coach, working with senior leaders in the sports and professional services sectors. Author of *Staying the Distance: the Lessons from Sport that Business Leaders have been Missing* (2023). Vice-chair of the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. Previously worked as a corporate lawyer and now Chairs O Shaped, an organisation at the forefront of shaping the future of the legal industry. Former parent.

Vice Chair

CHARLOTTE SMART

Chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee, Member of the Finance & Estates Committee, the Remuneration Committee, and the ISC and Governor responsible for pastoral care & DEI.

Formerly, a Legal Director at Addleshaw Goddard LLP where she spent many years advising private, commercial and corporate clients on private client and charity law issues. She is currently also a Trustee of the Hunslet Club and Wade's Charity, both in Leeds and a current parent.

Vice Chair

JENNY COPLEY-FARNELL

Member of the Finance & Estates Committee, the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Education Committee, Remuneration Committee and Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Pharmacist with 7 years of regional management experience in the retail sector before moving to senior program, transformation and change management at Amazon. Old Peterite 1993-2003. Current parent

ARIF AHMAD

Member of Finance & Estates Committee and the International Schools' Committee
A Chartered Accountant who spent 28 years at PwC, including 16 years as a Partner and held various leadership roles in that time. Having retired from PwC, he now has a number of advisory roles in the accountancy and technology sectors, and runs his own business in the commercial and residential property sector. He is a Trustee at Harewood House Trust. Current parent.

HELEN BOOTH

Member of Education Committee and the Bursary & Community Engagement Committee
Experienced CEO, Non-Exec Director, Trustee and qualified HR professional. Involved in running fast growing companies for 30 years and as CEO of The Enterprise Trust and the HomeServe Foundation. With a background in HR and training, also managed a Training Academy responsible for delivering apprenticeships and other accredited training programmes. Former parent.

HELEN CHAMBERLAIN

Chair of the Finance & Estates Committee, Member of the International Schools' Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and over 25 years' experience in finance as a Board Director, and for the last 7 years as Chief Financial officer for Benenden Health. Has a portfolio of roles including Board Advisor for a start-up Medical Technology Company. Former parent.

DR NIGEL DURHAM

Chair of the Bursary & Community Engagement Committee, Member of the Finance & Estates Committee and the International Schools' Committee, Governor responsible for Health & Safety and interim Governor responsible for Bursaries.

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.

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.

JAMES MILNE

Member of the Education Committee and Governance and Nominations Committee.

Formerly Assistant Curate of St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee, before serving as Rector of St Margaret's, Lochee and as a Chaplain for NHS Tayside and Rector of St Bride's, Glasgow. Appointed Sacrist at St Paul's Cathedral, London in 2015 and Precentor in 2019, James was responsible both for The National Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Service of Prayer and Reflection following her death. He is an Honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. At York Minster, James leads and oversees the cathedral's Music and Liturgy Team, and the planning and delivery of worship and music day-to-day, supporting the work of the Director of Music, the 40 choristers (20 boys and 20 girls) and the 12 adult singers of the world-renowned Choir of York Minster.

SIR JOHN TOWNSLEY

Chair of the Education Committee, member of the Bursary & Community Engagement Committee and the International Schools Committee, interim Governor responsible for Boarding.

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 & Estates Committee, and the International Schools' Committee. Governor responsible for Risk.

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.

DR HANNAH WILSON

Member of the Governance and Nominations Committee and the International Schools' Committee.

Physician with 10-years working in academia, clinical medicine and industry, in London and Boston, USA. Specialist interest in education, completion of masters at Harvard Medical School, Boston USA, Old Peterite.

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