

## **St Peter's School, York**

### **GOVERNOR PROFILES 2024-25**

#### **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.

##### **HELEN CHAMBERLAIN**

Chair of the Finance Committee, guest at the Process & Co-ordination Committee  
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and over 25 years' experience in finance and for the last 6 years as Chief Financial officer for Benenden Health.

##### **JENNY 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

##### **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

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.

## **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 and a current parent.

## **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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