

STEVE BARKER – Community Governor and Chair of the Governing Board

Steve has been a Governor at Collingwood since 2000 and is also Chair of the Governing Board at Bagshot Infant School and a Member of the Ravenscote Multi-Academy Trust. Steve lives with his wife, who is a teacher, in Bagshot and all four of their sons attended Collingwood.

Steve began his career in marketing and advertising, working in a variety of roles with Boots, Unilever, Proctor and Gamble and Henkel. He combined his career in marketing with voluntary work as a Governor and through this became involved in Governor training and development and also served as an Ofsted inspector. His current role is Head of the Governance Services for Strictly Education 4S. Steve was one of the first National Leaders of Governance to be appointed and has provided support, advice and guidance to Governors in other schools throughout the South East of England in this role. He has a national profile in Governance and is a regular speaker at national conferences and contributor to several national governance organisations.

Steve is also CEO of Harry and Ed's Aspiration Raising Trust (HEART) a local charity supporting children and young people, including many at Collingwood, to raise their aspirations and realise their full potential in life.

JOHN WELCH – Parent Governor and Vice Chair of the Governing Board

John has been a Parent Governor at Collingwood since November 2013 and currently chairs the Curriculum Development Committee. He previously served for 8 years at Heather Ridge Infant School. He has a son currently at Collingwood and his two daughters were also students at the College, both having moved on to a sixth form college and university. Following an MChem in Chemistry and DPhil in Magnetic Resonance from the University of Oxford, John moved to Camberley with his wife in 2000 to take up a Software Engineering post where he still works. John has particular interests in Maths, Science and IT.

EDEN TANNER – Principal – Staff Governor

Eden joined Collingwood in 1979 and is the longest serving member of staff at the College. He has had a wide range of roles over this time, including Head of the Physical Education Department, Assistant Head of Year, Teacher Governor and Assistant/Senior Assistant/Vice Principal. Eden gained his Headship Qualification in 2006. He lives in Yateley, Hampshire with his wife and has three children - his wife and eldest daughter are teachers. Eden's hobbies include sport, theatre and travel.

MARK ZYMELA – Community Governor

Mark was elected as a Parent Governor in November 2008. Before joining the Governing Board at Collingwood, Mark spent 5 years as a Governor of Prior Heath Infants School. At the end of his term of office at the College in the autumn 2012, Mark was appointed as Community Governor. He currently chairs the Resources Committee. Mark's two daughters attended the College and are now both University graduates. Mark was a qualified Project Manager working for a global technology company before he retired in 2019. He is now a voluntary adviser for Surrey Heath Citizens Advice, and an ambassador for a UK cancer charity. Mark is also a member of Camberley U3A, and enjoys playing sport.

EDWINA BRIDLE – Community Governor

Edwina was elected as a Parent Governor in December 2007 and appointed as Community Governor in January 2010. She has had two children at the College, the eldest works for Network Rail as a signaller and the youngest graduated from Birmingham University. The family have a wholesale nursery business in Windlesham, which Edwina co-directs with her husband. It is a long-established family business and they employ from the local community, including students from Collingwood College. Edwina is a Bachelor of Science and, prior to running the business, Edwina worked in further education in Kent, lecturing in soil science and horticulture at the County Agricultural College. She provides training within the Horticultural Society and is an Apprenticeship Champion for this sector. Edwina is also Link Governor for SEN, Careers and Health & Safety and the current Chair of the Student Welfare & Community Committee.

MARIAN RAINE – Community Governor

Marian was appointed to the Governing Board in the spring of 2015. She worked for BOC Gases until 1987 and then completed her PGCE and joined Collingwood as a teacher of Business Studies. Marian remained at the College for 25 years. An advocate of vocational education, Curriculum development and inter school collaboration, she progressed from Head of Department and joined the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Specialist School status and co-ordination of the SHAPE network. Marian retired from Collingwood in 2012 and from the network role in 2016.

DAVE WYKES - Community Governor

Dave was appointed as Community Governor in April 2017. He lives with his wife in Woodham and has a daughter who lives locally. He is a pragmatic engineer by nature, a Chemical Engineer by education and a Project Manager by profession. His main interest is “building things” and seeing them put to use. Dave has worked on many industrial gas projects around the globe for Air Products and a number of hydrocarbon process plants for various engineering contractors, both as an employee and self-employed contractor. Since retirement Dave has embraced a varied range of activities, namely Steam Locomotive Repair and Restoration (Watercress Line, Hants) and Model Railway Control Electronics, in addition to continuing previous interests in cars, motor sport, cooking and HIFI. He is looking forward to serving as a Governor as something completely different allowing the opportunity to use his experience to ‘give something back’.

TALJA PARKINSON - Community Governor

Talja was appointed as Community Governor in March 2020. She lives in Camberley with her partner and 3 sons. Talja has spent over 20 years in the Technology Sector, working predominantly in Data Analytics, for well-known organisations such as Serco, Capita and most recently Sky. She is a strong advocate for diversity in STEM and is a registered STEM Ambassador. Talja has recently become self-employed and now focuses on coaching young people on key leadership skills and principles. She also runs a consultancy business, helping organisations to use the power of data to improve diversity and wellbeing for their employees. In her spare time, Talja also teaches Yoga and Mindfulness. She is really looking forward to embracing her role as a Governor which allows her to bring her experience, skills and perspective, as a way of giving back to the community and the next generation.

NIKKI SHEPHARD – Community Governor

Nikki joined the Governing Board as a Community Governor in September 2020. Nikki lives locally in Windlesham and is currently the Head of Human Resources and Headteacher Advisor at a large Surrey-based Academy Trust of 14 schools, a mixture of secondary and primary. Prior to joining the Trust in 2017, Nikki was the Principal at Rydens Enterprise School and Headteacher at Glebelands School. She has also held leadership roles in the North West of Surrey as Deputy Headteacher at Winston Churchill School, Vice Principal at Tomlinscote School and Interim Headteacher at Bishop David Brown School. Nikki brings educational experience from a range of different sized schools and different areas to the Governing Board at Collingwood. These include leading the development and planning of a large new school building project, improving school performance, curriculum design, experience in managing school finances and staffing (HR).

Nikki is pleased to have the opportunity to work with an established Governing Board within a successful school and be part of the strategic team helping to continue the journey in what will be new and interesting times for all in education. Nikki and her husband (also an ex headteacher) are looking forward to becoming more involved in the local community and supporting their grandchildren as they enter education over the next few years.

SHAUN GARRETT – Parent Governor

Shaun was elected as a Parent Governor in October 2017. He has also been a Governor at two local primary schools for approximately 8 years. Shaun has a son in Year 7 at the College and his daughter is at a local primary school. Shaun, his wife Michelle and his children have lived in the area for over 11 years. He is a Sales Manager for a small company who distribute small electric motors and also involved with a local children's charity helping to brighten the lives of deaf children. Shaun was recently elected as a Councillor for Surrey Heath.

LARA SILVERSTEIN – Parent Governor

Lara was elected as a Parent Governor in October 2017. She is a scientist and obtained a degree in Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Loughborough University before completing a PhD in Biochemistry at Surrey University. Lara's interest in biological sciences led her to a career in clinical research in the pharmaceutical industry where she has worked as a manager for over 25 years. Lara has been part of teams developing new medicines for a number of diseases, including psoriasis and arthritis. Lara lives in Lightwater with her husband and three boys. Her three sons are at Collingwood.

QUITA BARNETT – Parent Governor

Quita was elected as a Parent Governor in June 2017. Her two daughters attend the College and Quita was a former student herself. Quita previously worked in the airline industry, travelling the world for many years. She had a complete change in career a few years ago and is now the National Account Development Manager with Big Yellow Storage Company. She is responsible for companies wanting storage in multiple locations and generating new business. Quita's expertise is in communications and customer service.

ANDREW MEAD – Parent Governor

Andrew was elected as a Parent Governor in October 2018. He has two children at the College. Andrew has also been a Governor at a local primary school. He is a solution architect for a large telecommunications manufacturer and has lived in Bagshot for over ten years. He put himself forward for the Governing Board to provide support and help improve the learning experience for all children at Collingwood.

ELAINE SHANKS – Sponsor Governor Lilly

Elaine became a Sponsor Governor of the College in December 2014 and having served a term of four years was re-appointed in December 2018. She works as a Clinical Trial Manager at Lilly's R&D site in Windlesham and has lived in the local area for over 20 years. In addition to her scientific qualifications she completed her studies with the Open University Business School in summer 2016 and graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management.

CLAIRE CHARMAN – Teacher Governor

Claire has worked at the College since 2010 and was elected as a Teacher Governor in November 2019. Claire started her career in the Army and served for 12 years. Initially training as an Arabic linguist and military analyst, after 4 years Claire went to RMA Sandhurst and graduated as a commissioned officer.

Claire gained work experience in education as a cover supervisor at Collingwood and a Boarding Assistant at St. Mary's Ascot while completing her Open University degree. She trained to be a teacher at George Abbot School on the Graduate Teacher Programme and secured a post at Collingwood as an RE teacher. Claire is currently Head of Sociology and Psychology and is the subject lead of Wellbeing. Her two daughters attend Collingwood and her husband is a Year 6 teacher in a Slough primary and a Teach First Ambassador.

PAUL ANDREWS – Teacher Governor

Paul was elected as a Teacher Governor in October 2017 and has worked at the College for 10 years. He was also a former student. Paul has a degree in Sports Science and, after gaining valuable work experience at Yateley Manor Preparatory School, undertook his Graduate Teacher Programme at Thamesmead School.

Paul holds the posts of Teacher of PE and ICT Teacher, Head of BTEC Sport and is currently Head of Year 10. Paul has two young children and loves nothing more than spending quality family time together when away from his working life. Paul is excited to undertake the role of Teacher Governor as he has had a long-standing relationship with Collingwood.

SAM BROWN – Staff Governor

Sam was elected as Support Staff Governor in November 2019. She has worked at the College for 13 years. Sam has held the post of Data Manager for 8 years and alongside that Exams Officer for 5 years. Sam also line manages the Admission department which was her first role when she joined Collingwood back in 2008. Sam has three grown up children all of which attended Collingwood and are now very successfully pursuing their careers.

Current vacancies: *Community Governor x 1, Parent Governor x 2*