

Dr Graham Branagan MSc FRCS



Chair of governors.

Link governor for: Bursaries, PHSE and Sex Education policies and for PE & Sport.

Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust.

Examiner for Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Educated at St Joseph's College, Ipswich and Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School. Degrees in Physiology with Pharmacology (BSc. University of London), Medicine (MB BS, University of London) and Medical Research (MS, University of Portsmouth). Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Interests: Virtually any sport but especially rugby, cycling and skiing.

Two sons through BWS.

Mr Jim Bacon



Parent Governor

Educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford. MSc in Cybersecurity, BA (Hons) in European Business Administration, Chartered Member Institute of Logistics and Transport, fluent French speaker.

Works as a Programme Delivery Director, Secure Government Services, for an international IT corporation called Mastek. He previously worked in Delivery for Fujitsu Defence and National Security, in Nationwide Building Society and as a Commissioned Officer in the British Army for over 20 years.

Jim and his wife, a maths teacher, have lived in Salisbury for over 20 years and have 3 children. They have a son in Year 10 and a daughter in Year 13 at Bishop's. His interests include running, tennis, skiing, travelling and struggling badly with DIY.

Mrs Paula Bennett



Parent Governor

I am a primary school teacher and was a governor at my children's primary school for 9 years. My husband and I live in Andover with our two sons who both attend BWS. I am the Children and Your Safeguarding Lead for Andover Community Church, and am on the management committee for Andover Child Contact Centre, a charity that provides a safe space for children to spend time with their non-resident parent.

In my spare time, I love to spend time with my family, bake, exercise and read.

Mr Dan Brown



Staff Governor

Member of Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee

I began teaching Science at BWS in 2014. I was Deputy Head of Lower School (2017-2019) and then Head of Lower School (2019-2023). I live with my wife in Salisbury. Interests include cricket, running, football, and gardening.

Brig Richard Cary



Vice Chair of Governors, Chair Pay & Staffing Committee, Member of Finance, Audit & Risk Committee.

37 year career as officer in the regular Army followed by 9 in the Army Reserve.

Former Decision Body for Army's Complaints process.

He continues his service as chair of appeal panels as part of the Army's internal grievance system. He is an official exams invigilator for Dauntsey's School.

He is also a part time film & TV extra; credits include: The Crown, Bridgerton, Wolf Hall, Rivals, The Gentlemen, House of the Dragon, amongst others.

Freeman of the City of London; Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers, (both since 1999).

Cdr Oliver Clark RN MA LLB(Hons)



Member of Pay and Staffing Committee.

Link Governor for: Geography and 6th Form

A criminal barrister and 20-year logistics officer in the Royal Navy, Ollie has deployed on operations to the South Atlantic, Arabian Gulf, South China Sea and the Baltic. As a logistics officer he has worked in aircraft carriers, destroyers and with aviation. As a lawyer he has worked in an advisory capacity on international, criminal, maritime and administrative law and has worked as both prosecutor and defence barrister in criminal Courts and Courts Martial. He has worked in the MOD and within a NATO HQ and taught international law courses on the Law of the Sea and the Law of Armed Conflict.

Educated at Royal Grammar School, Guildford. Degrees in Philosophy and Theology from St Peter's College, Oxford and Law from the University of Law.

Member of the Honourable Company of Barber Surgeons, a Freeman of the City of London, and Judicial Officer for the RFU and RNRU.

Currently has one son at BWS. Interests include rugby, cricket, golf, brewing and baking, and is often put to work in the garden by his wife, Sam.

Mr Andy Cooper



Link Governor for ICT.

An IT Consultant working for Deloitte, specialising in eCommerce system design and implementation. With over 35 years' experience Andy has a deep technical understanding of large-scale IT systems in industries as diverse as Retail, Financial Services, Pharmaceuticals and Defence with applications ranging from insurance policy administration to military aircraft training tools to supplier relationship management and online retailing.

My son left the school in 2015 and is in the midst of studying for a doctorate in Music at Leeds University. My daughter left South Wilts two years later having attended some classes in BWS.

Interests: Golf, gardening & long dog walks

Mrs Alison Herberts



Staff Governor.

Alison has been working in BWS since joining the Support Staff Team in 2015 as a Finance Officer. She had previously worked as an HR specialist in QinetiQ and for Amlin Insurance in

London. Qualifications include a degree in Psychology and an Associate Diploma in People Management (CIPD).

As a military spouse, Alison has lived in various locations throughout the UK, Germany, and Cyprus before settling in Salisbury. She has one son at BWS and one completed at BWS. Interests include travelling, gardening and walking a very energetic Cocker Spaniel.

Mrs Hilary Jenkins BEM



Hilary qualified as a teacher from I.M. Marsh College of Physical Education and having taught in various schools, both secondary and primary, made the career change to GP Practice Management in 2000.

She has managed several GP Practices, having been recruited to undertake turnaround management to practices in difficulty and is currently the Practice Manager at Hindon Surgery. She has her own General Practice training and consultancy business and has provided support with management issues, strategic direction, recruitment and staff development.

In 2024 she was awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of her work during the COVID pandemic when she set up and ran the Covid vaccination clinic in Wilton and Bishop Wordsworth's 6th form pupils were asked and volunteered to assist.

Hilary is married with 3 children: her 2 sons were both BWS students and one now teaches at the school. She also has 3 stepchildren.

Interests: Sport – although now largely as a spectator, family, knitting & sewing and keeping fit.

Mr Mark Lascelles



Mark is currently the Head Master of Epsom College, having been appointed in September 2024. Previously he was Head Master of Dauntsey's School. Prior to this, he was at The King's School, Canterbury, where he spent three years as the Lower Master (Senior Deputy Head). He very much enjoyed his time in Kent although he had not bargained for the 2010-11 year, when he was Acting Headmaster too.

Mark was educated at Shrewsbury School and Durham University. A keen sportsman, he played football for the English Universities and for non-league club Crook Town, and cricket for Middlesex Under 19's. After gaining his degree in Geography, he completed a PGCE with teaching placements at Hookergate Comprehensive School, Gateshead, and at Boldon Colliery School, South Shields. He then returned to Shrewsbury where he taught Geography, was Master-in-Charge of Football, Fives and Cricket, and was a boarding Housemaster. He has been a Governor of The Ryleys, Yarlet Hall and Brambletye, and is currently on the boards of Abingdon School and St Michael's, Jersey.

Mark is married to Amber and they have three daughters.

Dr. Chris Lewis OBE BM MRCGP MFPH MPH



Link governor for Mathematics. Member of Admissions, Property Health & Safety committee Works as Deputy Chief Scientist for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), which includes oversight of Advisers in FCDO, and science advice to inform the UK's response to global crises. Chris has been involved in responding to many of the major crises of recent years, working for FCDO, DFID or NGOs, including the COVID-19 pandemic, Ebola in Sierra Leone, earthquake in Haiti, drought in Horn of Africa, and epidemics in a variety of countries. He previously worked as a local GP for many years, before transitioning to a career in Public Health.

Chris and his wife have lived in Salisbury for over 20 years, with chapters overseas including 4 years in South Sudan and 2 years in Nigeria. He has two children, including a son at Bishop's. His interests include helping lead a local scout group, a member of a local church, and trying to stay fit by running with his dog.

Mrs Louise Payne



I am passionate about education and the critical role it plays in helping shape the lives of our children and am delighted to be a Parent Governor. I have two boys at the school, one in Year 11 and the other in Year 13. I am the Link Governor for Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), English, Lower School and a member of the Pay and Staffing Committee.

I am also a Governor at Broughton and West Tytherley Primary School Federation, where I work. I spent much of my career as a Management Consultant with PWC and IBM, and then as UK Diversity and Inclusion Manager. Educated at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School in Aylesbury, and then Royal Holloway College, University of London. Interests include travel, skiing, yoga, Pilates, running and a general love of the "great outdoors", particularly long walks with our Labrador.

Julia Phippard



Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Formerly a Director of IT & Change Management working in Financial Services, with a career spanning 35 years. Now running a successful coaching and counselling practice near Salisbury. Works and volunteers for a counselling charity in Winchester and volunteers for two international mentoring schemes promoting the development of younger women in Technology.

Interests: swimming, walking, skiing and family.

Children: youngest at Bishop's and eldest left in 2018.

Mrs Jane Ranaboldo LLB (Hons)



Link governor for: Admissions, Careers, Child Protection, Homework, Staff Leave of Absence and Staff Induction policies.

A solicitor working as a consultant to Wilsons solicitors in Salisbury specialising in Town and Country Planning.

Parent governor at her daughter's school for five years to May 2007. Married with a daughter and a son who left Bishops in 2010. Vice Chair of Parish Council, Chair of village hall management committee, safeguarding representative for a church.

Interests include theatre, opera, skiing, reading and travelling.

Mr Mike Thorne. Headmaster



Studied at University of Southampton (BSc Geology and Oceanography; Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (Physics); MSc Education: Practice and Innovation), University of Winchester (NPQSL), currently studying at University of Bath (Doctorate of Education).

Educator for whole career with experience in both Salisbury Grammar schools and Lord's Hill Southampton primarily as a multi-disciplinary scientist teaching physics but also geology, chemistry, biology and the extended project qualification at A-level. Particularly keen interests in palaeoclimatology and palaeobotany, attempting to keep pace with particle physics, and anything related to space.

Mr Martin Williams



Martin Williams is a business leader with a background in technology and consulting. He has extensive experience in IT strategy, business transformation, and cybersecurity. For twelve years, he led the UK operations of a global technology consulting firm, growing it from a single engineer to a 200-strong team. Now working as a fractional Chief Information Officer, he advises mid-sized businesses on aligning technology with their commercial goals.

Alongside his professional work, he has served as a governor at a federation of New Forest primary schools since 2018.