

The High School Leckhampton Local Governing Body Register of Governors 2023-2024

All governors are appointed or elected for a 4-year term of office.

Governing bodies are under duty to publish on their website their *register of interests* and these, if any, are given below.

Ian Davidson – Appointed Governor – September 14th, 2021

Ian graduated in Combined Sciences (BSc Hons) at Leicester University in 1970 and began his teaching career in 1972. He was appointed as Head of Science at Charlton Kings Secondary School and in 1986 he was appointed to the same position at the newly opened Balcarras School. He progressed to be an Assistant Head until his retirement in 2010.

However, Ian never really retired – he continues to work part-time for The Balcarras Trust in a variety of supportive roles including writing and submitting 'bids' for school funding projects and being involved with the 'transition' of pupils from Y6 into Y7.



Ian has served on many governing bodies, including Leicester University, Charlton Kings Secondary School, Balcarras, and finally 10 years as a governor of Charlton Kings Junior School. This latter post he relinquished at the end of 2021 and he is now a "Member" of the same Academy Trust. He was also appointed as Chair of Governors for The High School Leckhampton in December 2021.

Ian is married with 4 sons and lives a 5-minute walk away from Balcarras and a 22-minute run from The High School Leckhampton. He enjoys walking, running, skiing, gardening and Anglo-Saxon history!

Chair of Governors

Member of the Community & Operations and the Curriculum & Standards committees

Tim Callaghan – Appointed Governor – September 14th, 2021

Tim is an engineer working in the aerospace and defence industry. Together with his wife, a GP, they have one son at HSL and one at another local secondary school.

Tim has been part of the Leckhampton community for a number of years. He has extensive experience as a primary school governor, including as Chair of Governors. He has served as a Public Governor of the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust representing Cheltenham. He has also been involved in leading a local Beaver Scout group.



Tim enjoys walking, singing in the Cotswold Male Voice Choir and Musicality, and is part of a local church.

Member of the Community & Operations committee

Vice Chair of Governors

Link Governor for Health & Safety

Chair of Governors at Naunton Park Primary School – non-pecuniary interest

Helen Wood – Headteacher

Helen graduated from The University of Bristol in 1998 with a B.A. (Hons) in History, before completing her PGCE at the School of Education in Bristol in 1999. Her first teaching post was at Prince Henry's High School, Evesham where she was appointed Head of Sixth Form in 2004. Helen became an Assistant Head in 2007, with responsibility for Teaching & Learning and a Deputy Head in 2013 with responsibility for the Curriculum. In 2014 Helen became the Head of Prince Henry's Teaching School, leading colleagues in the creation of the school's SCITT which opened in 2017.



Throughout her time as Head of the Teaching School Helen took a significant role in leading teacher training and professional development, including facilitating the NPQSL and ML qualifications for Edge Hill University and later the Worcestershire Global Leadership Academy. Helen has also written and delivered several aspirant middle and senior leadership courses for teachers.

Helen gained experience of School Improvement by leading the Operational Group of Worcestershire Teaching Schools in a Strategic School Improvement Project in 2017. In 2018 Helen completed her NPQH and took up post as Head of The High School Leckhampton in January 2021.

Member of the Community & Operations and the Curriculum & Standards committees

Fran Allen – Parent Governor – September 14th, 2021

Fran has been a local primary school teacher for over a decade, she currently works at St James' C of E primary school where she leads PSHE, RSE and Health and wellbeing. Before teaching Fran was a Chartered Surveyor -working with big corporate DTZ prior to its takeover; the two contrasting careers have provided a platform to develop a breadth of skills.

Fran and her husband, Kevin have 3 children, the eldest of which started at HSL in its first cohort. Fran joins HSL as an elected parent governor. She is a passionate advocate for children's voice and enjoys many sports with her family in her spare time.



Member of the Curriculum & Standards committee
Link Governor for SEND

Teacher at St James' C of E primary school – non-pecuniary interest

Sharon Grant – Parent Governor – November 22nd, 2022

Sharon is a busy mother of two children, one of which is currently at HSL. She has worked in the private and public sector and has 20 years experience working as a civil servant both locally and overseas. She has a wide range of experience and skills including Emergency Response, Business Continuity, Workforce and Resource Planning, Health & Safety and Business Intelligence Analysis. Additionally, Sharon is pursuing a part time Psychology Degree with the Open University.



Sharon is passionate about the environment and preserving it for the next generation. She enjoys being outdoors and can often be found in the local countryside walking with her children and their dog Eddie.

Member of the Community & Operations committee
Link Governor for the RRSA

Sarah Haden – Appointed Governor – September 14th, 2021

Sarah Haden is an ordained Anglican minister and leader of Cheltenham Network Church, based in Emmanuel Church Leckhampton. Sarah moved to Leckhampton from North London in March 2020. She is married to Ben, a former Balcarras pupil and is excited for the positive impact THSL will have on the local community. In her free time Sarah enjoys running up hills, playing netball and attempting to grow vegetables.



Member of the Community & Operations committee
Link Governor for Safeguarding and LAC

Jane Lloyd Davies – Appointed Governor– September 14th, 2021

Jane has recently retired as Head of Education Outcomes and Intervention for Gloucestershire County Council and her background is in teaching. In her role she developed a good working knowledge of Gloucestershire's schools and is well connected at both primary and secondary level. Jane has held several senior positions in Education and School Improvement, including Senior Secondary Adviser and Head of Quality Assurance. Jane has brought to these roles her understanding of inspection with 15 years of experience as an additional inspector with Ofsted, inspecting primary, secondary and special schools.



Jane has been Balcarras' School Improvement Partner for many years and knows the school well. Her advice has been crucial in shaping the School's Development Plan and she has visited regularly to offer reports on various aspects of the school's work. She retired from her role at GCC in March after many years loyal service.

Member of the Curriculum & Standards committee

Anna O'Connor – Parent Governor – September 14th, 2021

Anna is passionate about community and volunteering and was the Leckhampton parent who set up a campaign almost two years ago to drive forward the approval of the new secondary school. Key to this was her mission to galvanize parents and the community by creating better communication and engagement between them and key stakeholders.

Anna used her 20-year long experience as a marketer and communications strategist along with her passion and commitment to comprehensive education and community to not only ensure parents were kept informed but to proactively encourage parents to get involved to make their much-needed school a reality.



Anna has worked with organisations in the private, public and charity sectors as well as the civil service, creating marketing and communications strategies to support their business objectives. In a recent career change, Anna has gone back to university to study a Masters degree in Social Policy with the aim of working to improve health and educational inequalities.

Member of the Community & Operations committee
Link Governor for Pupil Premium

Alice O’Riordan – Staff Governor – September 14th, 2021

Alice has been a staff governor since September 2021. She is an Assistant Head (Pastoral), Designated Safeguarding Officer and has been teaching English for 8 years. Starting her career at Balcarras, where she obtained several roles including Deputy Head of House, Head of Year, Key Stage 3 co-ordinator for English, Open Week organiser and managing the NQT +1 programme.

Alice is keen to ensure that The High School Leckhampton is a ‘flagship school at the heart of the community’ and that the school will continue to offer excellent opportunities for all pupils, no matter their starting point, in a safe, supportive, happy, and inclusive environment.



Member of the Community & Operations committee

Nicki Harrington – Clerk to the Governors

Nicki was previously the Clerk to the Governors at Balcarras School, where she was also the PA to 2 Headteachers between 2007-16 and 2016-21. Nicki provided significant administrative support to the newly formed Balcarras Trust when writing their bid to sponsor The High School Leckhampton.

Nicki was able to bring her experience and knowledge of the project to the new school when she was appointed PA to the new Headteacher in September 2021 and has taken on additional responsibilities in the new school, including Clerk to the Governors, Admissions and Senior Administrator.



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