

St Katherine's School Governors



Mike Amos

Mike is a local farmer and businessman who has worked in education as a teacher, FE and University Lecturer. He is a former board member of the Learning and Skills Council and the National Curriculum Council where he wrote the original science national curriculum. He is also a former examiner and assessor for two of the main examination boards. Mike is a member of the Local Enterprise Rural Strategic Economy Committee specialising in skills development. He has been a St Katherine's governor for 17 years and is our link governor for Health and Safety.



Helen Argo – Vice Chair

Helen has worked in animation production for over 16 years and is an Executive Producer at Aardman Animations. She lives in Pill with her family and since joining the governing body at St Katherine's in 2014 continues to enjoy the challenges of understanding and contributing to school governance.



Glen Davies

Glen is a qualified bank manager with experience of finance, project /change management and risk. Glen is a father of two children, who attend schools in Portishead, and joined the governors in October 2014. He is our link governor for Safeguarding and Pupil Premium.



Sarah Earle

Sarah has two children attending St Katherine's. She has worked in education for over 20 years, previously as a primary school teacher and now as a teacher educator at Bath Spa University. She has a PhD in assessment and leads primary science professional development activities for teachers across the UK. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the Chair of the West of England Association for Science Education. Sarah has a strong belief in the power of education to open doors for our children and is looking forward to supporting the school in the role of parent governor.



Chrysta Garnett

Chrysta has 20+ years of experience in teaching and leadership in UK and international schools. Since qualifying as a teacher in 1997, she has held a variety of roles from English teacher, Head of Department, to Assistant Head, Deputy Head and eventually becoming Headteacher of one of Taiwan's largest international schools. Since returning to the UK in 2017 she has worked for the Bristol Local Authority as Head of School Partnerships and now for the Teaching School Council as Regional Strategy Lead. This involves co-ordinating the Department of Education's 19-20 School Improvement Offer; establishing regional infrastructure to support system led improvement; and facilitating the newly formed 'Team South West' non-executive board at regional level and 'Regional Education Partnership Boards' at sub-regional level. As part of this work, Chrysta co-ordinates activity across the 4 improvement priorities for the South West: Disadvantage, SEND, Maths and Governance and Leadership, connecting schools and leaders to the best available expertise in the region.



Heather Graham

Heather has worked in Higher Education for most of her career, initially as a lecturer and later in senior management. As Director of the Open University in Wales she also worked closely with the Welsh Assembly Government and the Funding Council. She has a strong commitment to state education ; her three children attended St Katherine's and two of her grandchildren are currently at the school.



William Harding - Chair

A former Trustee of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), William currently serves as a member of North Somerset Strategic School Forum and the Cathedral School Trust Finance & Resources Committee. Until his recent retirement he held responsibility for the strategic and operational HR work of a large Unitary Authority. William is a political science graduate with a post-doctorate diploma in management and has held a number of different roles in people management. He is also a chartered member of the Institute of Personnel and Development. He has a remarkable 30 years of service as a governor much of which has been at St Katherine's School where his two children studied.



Rebecca Sage

Dr Becky Sage has been working in science education and enterprise for 15 years and has been the CEO of Interactive Scientific since 2015. She is a winner of the Innovate UK Women in Innovation award and in 2019 was named a Maserati 100 Innovator by the Sunday Times. She is passionate about bringing together school education with skills and knowledge required in the 21st century workplace. She is excited about taking on the role of governor at St Katherines so that she can combine her experience and innovative approaches with the energy and knowledge of the rest of the leadership team to give all students an opportunity to thrive. When she isn't working she spends time doing gymnastics, becoming the Adult Intermediate Champion in 2017, 2018 and 2019. She has lived in Bristol most of her life and was born in Pill.



Caroline Smallwood

Caroline is a Primary School Teacher and has worked in education for twenty years. She loves working with children and their families and is passionate about ensuring that our young people are able to develop the many skills they need to thrive as adults. She is particularly interested in young people's mental and physical health and likes to keep up to date with the current research in this area. Caroline enjoys working as part of a team and is always ready to learn new things. She is excited to have become a Governor at St Katherine's and is looking forward to contributing to the next steps in the schools' development.



Justin Humphreys - Headteacher



Ruth Collett - Staff Governor



Melanie Reason - Staff Governor

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