

CURRENT GOVERNORS

Richard McKenzie, Head Teacher (Headteacher)

Ian Page - Co-Chair (Local Authority Governor)



Born and educated in Dublin, Ireland. Studied Economics, Politics and Philosophy at University College Dublin before moving to London in 1985. My professional background is within the print and advertising industry and I have owned plus partnered in successful print management agencies over the years. I am also a co-founder of a recruitment business within the defence and engineering sector.

On a personal level I have raised money through sponsorship events for various charities including the Rainbow Trust in Leatherhead by competing in the New York Marathon 2001 and the London Triathlon. I also took part in a London to Paris cycle for Motor Neurone Disease Association.

My connection to St Peter's is through 2 of my grandchildren. Having attended a number of school events over the years, I was extremely impressed with the school especially the teaching standards, and seeing my grandchildren's development both on a learning and social level. I volunteered for the role of school governor and look forward to bringing some of my varied skills from both a commercial and social background to what is clearly an inspiring school.

Tim Hinton – Co-chair (Foundation Governor)



I have a son who started at St Peter's in September 2014, and was elected as a parent governor in September 2015. I have had a varied career, starting in photography, then joining an FE college as a technician. I am currently working as a technical services manager for a university, which is a very varied and interesting role and include managing staff, budgets, health and safety and a variety of resources on a daily basis. Although I left school with only basic qualifications, I have, as an adult, gained a BSc (Hons) and a Masters in Business Administration both with the Open University, whilst working full time.

As a committee member of a classic car club for many years, including Secretary, I have experience of the requirements and commitments for a voluntary role. I have worked in education, both further and higher, for most of my working life, which, coupled with experience gained as a manager provides a good deal of insight to bring to the role. I have experience and understanding of children with special educational needs, and have been part of the project team for several new buildings in my current role. St Peter's provides a fundamentally good and caring environment for children with very high standards, and one to which I would very much like to contribute my experience and knowledge.

Ann-Marie Bevan - Vice-chair (Foundation Governor)



I joined as a Governor in October 2018. I have two children at St Peter's, both in KS2, and I felt I wanted to contribute in helping the school grow to its full potential, whilst ensuring the children are happy in their learning and supporting the school's Catholic ethos.

I have held a couple of voluntary roles, namely Treasurer of a local playschool committee and Vice Chairperson of the Friends of St Peter's. I take a committed and proactive approach in every role I undertake.

Professionally, I have worked within the financial sector for over 35 years, the last 20 years of which have been spent with an investment management company, heading up the client reporting department and liaising with clients. I have worked part-time for the last ten years which has enabled me to become regularly involved in the school as a parent volunteer and as a FOSP committee member.

Marek Suchocki – (Foundation Governor)



I hold a degree in Civil Engineering and works as a Technical Account Manager for Autodesk assisting major customers based in the EMEA region to exploit investments in model based design technology and processes. I am a Chartered Engineer, Chartered IT Professional, a Fellow of the British Computer Society, and a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors. I sit on the management board of Construct IT, I am a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers Information Systems Panel and the British Standards B555 committee for construction processes, design, modelling and data exchange. I am involved with the working parties supporting the UK Government BIM initiative. I have a broad experience in the UK and Europe, having worked for two multi-national engineering consultancies, a major UK contractor, an infrastructure client and a Quantity Surveying practice, as well as spending four years as a Research Fellow at the University of Reading. I have been a parishioner at Our Lady and St. Peter since 2006 and my two daughters attended St Peter's before moving to St Andrew's. I volunteered for the Governor role to take an active involvement in the operation and future development of the school.

Mrs Catherine Woolford (Co-opted Governor)



I have no one unique quality, but a combination of life experiences, which build into a unique set of knowledge and skills which bring richness to the governing body. I graduated with a degree in dental surgery and have a deep appreciation of an ethos of caring for, and working with, people from all walks of life. I have worked in the hospital sector and in the community dental service, both in a clinical and teaching capacity. I have three boys, two of whom attended St Peter's, giving me an insight into the school over a period of many years. I have experience of seeing the school mature and the effect of educational changes imposed externally and internal curricular developments. I have an insight into parental expectations for their children, having met and been friends with many parents from different backgrounds. Both boys developed and matured because of the environment of the school.

One of my children has moderate learning difficulties and is on the autistic spectrum. He has attended a number of Special Schools. I have an appreciation and personal experience of the needs of children, and their parents, with special educational and social needs and the difficulties faced by parents in getting the best opportunities for their child in very difficult circumstances relating to special education provision. I have worked as teaching assistant at the school for several years. This has involved all areas of the school, and has involved an ability to relate to and communicate with all teaching and support staff. I was a part of the leadership team for 1st Fetcham Bocketts Beavers for several years. I have experience in most areas of the role of the Governing Body and have attended all meetings of the committees that I am involved with and I currently chair the Children and Learning Committee. I am a parishioner in the parish of Fetcham and Effingham.

Ruth Hall (Staff Governor)



After graduating from University College London with a Zoology degree, I worked in molecular biology research at the Royal Veterinary College in Camden for 5 years. Towards the end of that time I realised that I needed a change of career and did a Postgraduate Teacher Training course, specialising in Primary teaching. I worked for 3 years at a large primary school in Carshalton Beeches before leaving to raise my family.

I have 3 children, all of whom attended St Peter's; they are now at university and St Andrew's. I first became a Foundation governor for Leatherhead 10 years ago soon after my eldest son started school here. In 2009 my role on the governing body was changed to Staff Governor as I started working at St Peter's as a teacher. I am now Year 6 teacher and a member of the schools' Senior Leadership team.

Ian Langmead (Associate Member)



I joined the Governing body as a Parent Governor in 2013 when my son Matthew joined Reception class. My affiliation with St Peter's is that both my wife and brother-in-law were past pupils and my father-in-law was one of the first pupils to ever attend the school when it was so small that the school was in the priest's house in Leatherhead.

I have an extensive background in retail having worked in various roles, formerly in retail management and latterly in store design and space allocation. I have been instrumental in designing blueprints for Budgens and Londis convenience store layouts to improve customer shopping missions and allocate space effectively and strategically. Most recently I have looked at developing KPI's to improve availability, service and training in our stores. I look forward to helping the Governing body drive further the already great standards at St Peter's.

Tara Trousdale (Parent Governor)



I have a Bachelor's degree in Analytical Chemistry and I've studied for two years in a public school of music where I did classical guitar training. I've been part of several music projects playing live in the best theatres in my country. I have a genuine interest for science and music and strongly believe that music is essential for a child's education and development.

I joined the Governing body in January 2018. I am currently a Finance Director for a Government arm's length body and have an in depth knowledge of the Government's "Managing Public Money" document. I have two children currently at St Peter's.

Charlie Moloney (Parent Governor)



The entirety of my school life was spent in Catholic Schools, both here in Surrey and then in Somerset when our family moved there. The place of faith in these schools had a profound impact on me, which in part led to my ordination as a priest in the Church of England in 2010. It was also central to the decision to send our son to St Peter's in 2016.

Before being ordained I worked as a Religious Studies teacher in a secondary school in Croydon, and after three years in the parish, I returned to education as a school Chaplain, a role I now hold at St John's School in Leatherhead. It is through my experience as a teacher that I hope to serve the Governing body and in turn support all the children during their time at St Peter's.

Rita Antonelli (Foundation Governor)



I hold a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pisa, a PhD in Electronic Engineering from Imperial College, and work as a Cost Manager for IHS Markit, helping clients with the cost estimation of energy projects around the world. Before this, I worked for seven years in Epsom for Atkins as Process Engineer for the Oil and Gas and the Power Generation department, which is how I came to be living in this lovely part of the South East. I have a strong experience in recruitment and selection, project management, financial analysis and supplier quote gathering. I am married and have a teenage son who attends St Andrew's Secondary Catholic School. My family and I lived in Epsom before moving to Ashted in 2006 and are still regular parishioners at St Joseph's, where my son and husband play guitar in the liturgy group at the 6pm mass on Sunday evenings.

I come from a strong Catholic Italian family who taught me the importance of helping the local community and serving the neighbourhood. I have completed few fundraisings runs to help charities: two 5k Race for Life to support Cancer Research UK and a 10k run in support of Save the Children. In 2017 I have attended the Alpha Course, run by St Joseph's in Epsom, which motivated me to get more socially involved. Since then I have become a volunteer at the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, helping on Saturday mornings at the Leatherhead Community Centre delivering food parcels to local people in crisis. I have also led a local "20's Plenty" road safety campaign to make Ashted's streets safer for all of us, particularly kids going to school. I volunteered for the Foundation Governor role at St Peter's to offer my time and skills to the future development of the school, which already provides an extremely good and caring environment for children to grow confident along with religious guidance.

Laura Jackson (Foundation Governor)



I have always had a huge respect for the role of schools and teachers. I am delighted to take on the role of Governor at St Peter's. The majority of my family work in education so I understand some of the demands facing schools.

I am a mum of three, two currently attend St Peter's in Reception and Year2.

I have expectations as a St Peter's parent and feel committed to ensuring high standards are adhered to for each and every pupil at the school. I have a degree in Hospitality and Management and, after a varied career, I joined the London Ambulance Service in 2006. My role as a London Paramedic is certainly challenging at times dealing with a huge range of not only medical, but social issues. My exposure to these situations only cements further how critical it is to invest in young people. I also run a busy local beauty business which enables me to integrate into the local community I am looking forward to giving my enthusiastic commitment to the Governor role.

Annie Cunningham (Foundation Governor)



As a parent of two boys who are currently pupils at St. Peter's, I am delighted to be a member of the Board of Governors. I am a friendly person with a positive outlook and I am fully committed to ensuring the Catholic ethos and the high standards already in place at St. Peter's are maintained. My own education was in Catholic schools in London districts and I believe I can make a valuable contribution to St. Peter's and its families.

With my husband, I have travelled and lived throughout the world and I have held various jobs which will ensure I bring a strong skill set to the governing board. As part of team Race for Grace, I have recently completed the Beachy Head Marathon raising much needed funds for Neuroblastoma UK and Shooting Star Children's Hospices and I hope to complete more charity events in the future. In my role as a Governor, I am looking forward to being able to help and support the Staff and pupils as much as possible.