



Steining Grammar School Governors

CHAIR: Rod Scott

I have a financial background and spent most of my working life in the aerospace industry. I owned and managed a business which supplied structural fasteners and other components to global aircraft manufacturers.

In 2001 my business, then based at Shoreham Airport, merged with a Danish plc where I served as CEO to one of their divisions for 5 years. More recently I owned and managed a software business in Sussex which provided supply chain and warehousing technologies to businesses across many sectors including aerospace.

I fully retired from business in 2022 but keep myself busy helping to run a large golfing organisation and of course serving Steining Grammar as Chair of the LGB, Boarding and the Foundation.

I enjoy golf, tennis, Padel tennis, mountain biking, yoga, walking our dog and my home life in Steining



VICE CHAIR : Sarah Hyde

My career began as a qualified oil and gas lawyer working in London. Life took my family and I to the Middle East where I worked for various charities and took my CELTA, teaching English to Emirati and Japanese adults.

I was a governor for 6 years at the British School in Abu Dhabi and pursued my interest in history, obtaining an Open University degree along the way.

22 years later we returned to the UK, settling in Steining. Becoming a governor of SGS seemed the best way to use my skills for our new community.

In my spare time I quilt, sing with Cantatrice and travel as much as I can.



Ken Bailey

I originally trained as a Geography and R.E. teacher in the late 1960's, early 1970's but eventually ended up working in the educational travel industry.

I was actively involved in school travel for well over 50 years from its pioneering days in the early 1970's until I finally retired in late 2021. My focus was winter sports although I also helped develop various other educational tours including cookery and battlefield tours. I have always been a keen sports person and played numerous sports throughout my working career.

As I progressed towards retirement, I started volunteering in my spare time including being an NHS volunteer and a governor at Steining Grammar.



Laura Carpenter

I am a parent governor at SGS and I live in the local area.

I am a Primary School SENCo by qualification but I now work for a local authority, advising schools on the best ways to support children who are looked after or have a social worker. I am a passionate advocate for students who find school a difficult place to be. I applied to become a governor at SGS because I wanted to be involved with the community and support the school in its continued growth.

You may see me in the local area walking my dog or out for a run. Our family moved to Steyning fairly recently and I am still over the moon to be living in such a beautiful place, surrounded by nature.



Scott Doutre

For the past 10 years I worked in the finance sector within the railway industry, but wanted a change from the commutes and long hours so I could spend more time with my young son.

Since starting work at SGS, I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges my job brings, along with the relationships I have built with Staff and students. I volunteered as the Support Staff Governor because I wanted to be more involved with the workings of the school and help in any capacity I can.

In my spare time I like to go out with my son for country walks and meals.



Dan Jones

At Steyning Grammar I work 50% as a Maths teacher and 50% as an assistant Special Needs Coordinator. I joined Steyning Grammar 3 years ago after working in an international school in Zambia.

Before that I completed Teach First training which I continued into a full Masters in Education, the dissertation of which has been published in a Taylor and Francis's Pastoral Care in Education academic journal.

I have an interest in contributing towards the school community wherever possible, whether this be running retro gaming clubs, building geodesic domes, re-wilding projects or running school trips.



Owain Jones

I take great pride in my role as a community governor at Steyning Grammar School, a place that holds a special significance for me as it is deeply intertwined with my upbringing in Steyning. My entire school education took place in Steyning. I attended Steyning Primary School and then joined Steyning Grammar School in Year 7.

My connection to the local community, particularly through the cricket club, has strengthened my commitment to fostering positive relationships between the school and the community it serves.

My educational journey post-Sixth Form at SGS took me to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where I studied Biochemistry before embarking on a career in teaching at Hurstpierpoint College. Currently serving as the Head of Middle School, overseeing Year 9 to Year 11, I bring a wealth of educational experience that I am eager to contribute to my role as a Governor at Steyning.



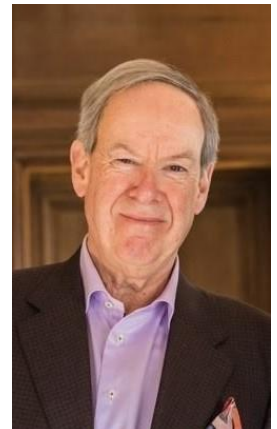
Having previously served as a boarding Housemaster, I am particularly invested in Steyning's boarding provision. As a member of the Boarding Committee, I am focused on enhancing the overall experience of boarders and, in particular, ensuring the highest standards of Safeguarding. The contribution of boarding pupils to the broader school community is invaluable, and I am enthusiastic about facilitating an environment where they can thrive.

David Miller

I have lived in Sussex for over 40 years now. I worked for a global company in several executive positions and in my 40's I founded and ran a successful business until I retired a few years ago.

When I moved to Steyning I wanted to do something to help my community. I've found being a Community Governor enables me to contribute to ensuring every student has an opportunity to be as successful as they can be and to enjoy their education.

In my free time I like to paint, play padel tennis, spend time with family and friends and walk my dog, Buddy, on the Downs.



Julia Mockler

I have been a community governor at SGS since the summer of 2024.

Having recently moved to Steyning I was looking for a new volunteering opportunity and as the school is right at the heart of the community I was keen to get involved. I had no previous experience in education and have enjoyed being part of the all-important learning journey of our young people. It's been quite a learning journey for me too!

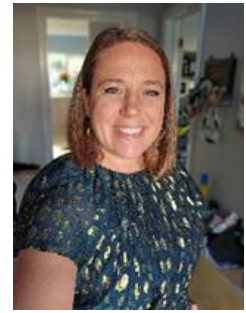
I work as an accountant so have an interest in the finance aspects of the school. I also volunteer as a community first responder with the Ambulance service and in my spare time can often be found on the Downs walking my dog.



Sarah Price-Francis

I work for a large multinational company and have held roles across many areas including leadership, product and servicing to developing policy, managing external vendors and working with technology teams.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, keeping fit and volunteering at our local youth club to ensure children have a fun place to go to spend time with their friends. I am looking forward to being part of the Governing Body and supporting SGS



Margaret Smith

I qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and worked in London and Edinburgh, largely in commercial property management. At East Sussex County Council, I specialised in the educational estate.

I completed a number of years as a Governor at my children's primary school, 3 of which were as Chair. For the last 3 years I have also been a parent and Safeguarding Governor at SGS. One child has completed SGS Sixth Form and the other is in KS4.

Initially, I went into Governance to give back to the school and this privilege has developed into my passion, which has been a journey of learning and development to strategically contribute to the best possible outcomes for the children in school and beyond.



Giles Welsh

Bio to follow

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Foundation Governors

Brian Hanson (*Diocese of Chichester nominated*)

Fr Mark Heather (*Priest in charge of Steyning ex officio*)