





Governor Profiles 25-26

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<p>Niranjan Annamalai</p> <p>Governor Type: Parent Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 October 2020</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 12 December 2022 to 11 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role:</p> <p>Chair Personnel Committee</p>		<p>I have two daughters currently studying at AHS and the youngest is in Year 6 at St Edwards. Both enjoy the educational experiences offered and I am passionate about helping young people to achieve the best they can.</p> <p>I am a pharmacist and count over 20 years' work experience in Healthcare. I am currently work as the Superintendent Pharmacist for the wholly-owned subsidiary of Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. I was instrumental in setting up this new service and building a new team, which has brought about meaningful changes in service delivery. This role involves developing policies and procedures, financial management, governance and providing strategic direction.</p> <p>I believe this knowledge and skills will help develop the board of Governors and school in identifying areas of improvement, resource plans, and meeting the financial demands associated with running a school within the budget.</p> <p>Being able to listen to parents and pupils, bringing different skills to the school from commercial life and caring passionately about the welfare of all involved in the school are the key qualities, I believe would assist me in performing this role.</p>
<p>Helen Bush</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 4 December 2017</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 23 September 24 to 22 September 28</p> <p>Governor Role: Co-Chair of Governors; Safeguarding Governor Development</p>		<p>I have 15 years' experience as a governor in local primary and secondary schools. This includes 7 years as chair of the Governing Board at Bedgrove Junior School where I was originally appointed to the Interim Executive Board which took over the governance of the school when it went into special measures in 2013. As a member of the IEB I helped the school improve to its current 'good' status within two years and remained committed to the school achieving 'outstanding' before stepping down in 2022. I was also a governor at Bedgrove Infant School for 5 years, where I was vice chair for two years. I have co-chaired the Board at AHS with Kate Weir since 2020, having joined the board in 2017. I am also a Member of the Insignis Academy Trust and the Great Learners Trust.</p> <p>I am passionate about the role which education plays in inspiring, challenging and enabling young people to succeed in life, and am personally committed to ensuring that every pupil has the opportunities to achieve to the best of their ability.</p> <p>I have been a full-time mum to my daughter (who joined AHS in 2017) since giving up work in the voluntary sector as a policy advisor, including at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. This included two secondments into government departments to advise on voluntary sector policy.</p>
<p>Neil Esslemont</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 4 December 2017</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 3 December 2021 to 2 December 2025</p> <p>Governor Role: Health & Safety Governor</p>		<p>I became a Parent Governor in late 2017 and I am pleased to have the opportunity to be more involved in the life of the school. I have also been a Parent Governor at Turnfurlong Junior School since 2015.</p> <p>In my professional life I am a Chartered Geologist and I work for Network Rail. In my spare time, I play (and teach) the bagpipes.</p>

<p>Nicole Edwards</p> <p>Governor Type: Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 1 September 2025</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029</p>		<p>Having attended Aylesbury High School from 2008 to 2015, I’m proud to return as a governor and give back to the school that shaped so much of who I am today.</p> <p>I began my career with Marks & Spencer on their school leaver programme, training as a Store Manager before moving into roles that focused on people, learning, and leadership. Now, as Project Manager to our Stores Director, I’m proud to use my experience to drive projects that support both business growth and colleague development.</p> <p>Alongside my career, I completed my CIPD in 2025 with distinction through an apprenticeship and am currently studying for my Level 7 qualification and Master’s in HR Management.</p> <p>I’m passionate about creating opportunities for young people to grow in confidence and explore the wide range of career paths available after school. It’s a privilege to support the school in helping students reach their full potential.</p>
<p>David Hudson</p> <p>Governor Type: Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 1 September 2024</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028</p>		<p>I was brought up in Birmingham and attended Handsworth Grammar School (1971-1980). I read History at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, before completing my PGCE at the University of Oxford. During this time, I was awarded a Blue in football for both universities.</p> <p>I have taught in state schools since 1987 in Bristol, Thame, Didcot and Bicester. As Head of History, I co-authored “The Early Tudors”, a text book for A-level study (still in use!). I also spent two years teaching in Paris before being appointed Headteacher at The Royal Latin School in January 2010.</p> <p>At the Royal Latin School, I introduced significant curriculum changes, guided the school to its current Academy status and used the freedom thereof to develop a significant fundraising campaign to improve learning facilities for the school and community (the 600 Campaign). This resulted in a new 12 lab science “Discovery Centre”, a refurbished 6th Form Centre and an all-weather sports pitch and fitness suite. I also had the pleasure of organising a series of events to celebrate the school’s 600th anniversary in 2023. I retired in August 2024.</p> <p>I have extensive experience of the grammar school sector in Buckinghamshire and also been a governor in two schools (in Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes). I look forward to bringing this experience to the governing body at Aylesbury High School.</p>
<p>Rajas Kulkarni</p> <p>Governor Type: Parent Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 31 January 2023</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 31 January 2023 - 30 January 2027</p>		<p>My daughter is currently in Y13. I am self-employed and provide IT consultancy within Cyber Security from a project management perspective to various FTSE 100 customers in the UK. Outside of my day job I assist during AHSA events as required.</p> <p>I was a member of the Parent Governing board in my daughter's primary school. I have the necessary skills with 15+ years’ experience in Stakeholder Engagement, Risk and Issues management and Finance just to name a few from project management perspective.</p> <p>As an AHS Parent Governor, I will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a critical friend to school leaders at a strategic level to help school achieve its goals and ensure every pupil has the best possible education; 2. Bring my knowledge / experience to further develop the vision and strategy for the school; 3. Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the school community to understand their views; 4. Oversee the financial performance of the school to ensure its money is well spent.

<p>Linda Oatley</p> <p>Governor Type: Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 28 February 2023</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 28 February 2023 to 27 February 2027</p> <p>Governor Role: Vice Chair of the Resources Committee Whistleblowing Governor</p>		<p>To say I'm delighted to be a Governor of AHS is an understatement. All of my experience is in life, which has been rich and variable. My career was in the corporate sector both here and in the USA. I was Vice President for sales & marketing in a medium sized US healthcare company with responsibility for the contiguous USA. In the UK I was a senior manager for a telecoms company working nationally in their commercial division.</p> <p>Since retirement I have taken my 'A' levels and completed my undergraduate degree at the Open University. I have just completed a Diploma in Art History and my next educational challenge will be a Masters Degree in Art History.</p> <p>I was also a Presiding Justice (JP) for fifteen years and sat on both adult and youth cases...all of human life is there. Most recently and for many years I was a Trustee and Chair of the Chilterns MS Centre, (now the Chilterns Neuro Centre) which provides services not available on the NHS for people with multiple sclerosis, strokes and Parkinson's Disease.</p> <p>To say children are our future is another understatement and a cliché but true nonetheless.</p> <p>I very much hope with my experience and enthusiasm I can help and assist the girls and young women at AHS to see and fulfil their enormous potential. Way to go girls....!</p>
<p>John Orchard</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Mental Health Governor Chair of the Resources Committee</p>		<p>I have a daughter in Year 11 at AHS; she thoroughly enjoys the educational, social and extracurricular activities at AHS.</p> <p>I became a Governor in December 2022 following much consideration, due to the commitment the role requires and deserves, with the wish to give back and impart knowledge from my professional life to benefit and serve AHS.</p> <p>In my professional life I work for a major waste management company, as Head of Construction, responsible for delivery of capital construction projects, working with regulators, contractors, designers and stakeholders. Health and safety, sustainability and value for money are key pillars that projects are judged against. Experience and learnings from my work are fully transferable into the Governor role.</p> <p>In my spare time I am an avid sports fan enjoying motorsport, cricket and rugby. I enjoy travelling and walking.</p>
<p>Marina Parker-Allotey</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Governor School Food</p>		<p>As a Chartered Accountant (FCCA) with extensive experience in the Financial Services and Telecom industry, I bring a wealth of financial expertise as well as regulatory and management knowledge to my role as a governor. Over the years, I've led Regulatory Reporting, Risk assurance and Profitability teams, as well as providing accounting expertise to Change & Restructuring projects, contributing to the strategic decision-making that drives success.</p> <p>Beyond my professional experience, I have a deep passion for education and a strong commitment to supporting our school community. I have been an active volunteer since 2015 at my children's schools. I have participated in various school initiatives (reading, career, diversity) as well as school trips, events and curriculum consultations. I have also delivered financial training programmes to primary schools, helping to foster financial literacy and community engagement.</p> <p>As a parent of three children, with my eldest currently in Year 9, I understand the importance of providing a nurturing, diverse, and inclusive environment for all students. My roles as an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Governor, and School Food Governor, reflect my dedication to ensuring our school is a place where every child can thrive.</p> <p>It is an honour to contribute to the development of our children and to work alongside staff, parents, and the wider community to ensure the success of the school. In my spare time, I enjoy playing competitive tennis and keeping fit.</p>

<p>Arpana Valji</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date:</p> <p>8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office:</p> <p>8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Careers Governor</p>		<p>I am a business owner and entrepreneur and have been a member of the school's governing body since November 2022.</p> <p>I am deeply committed to ensuring that every student at the school receives the best possible education and support. In my role as a governor, I work closely with the school leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school and to ensure that it is well-managed and financially stable.</p> <p>Additionally, I also serve as a link between the school and the local community, and work to promote the school and its achievements. Outside of my role as a governor, I'm a busy mother of three, I actively run my businesses and play various sports. I am hugely passionate about making a difference to the future generation and helping to guide them not only to prepare them for life after school, but to empower them to truly live their best life.</p>
<p>Kate Weir</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date:</p> <p>15 December 2014</p> <p>Current term of office:</p> <p>3 December 2021 to 2 December 2025</p> <p>Governor Role: Co-Chair of Governors Wellbeing & Arts Governor</p>		<p>I first became a Parent Governor in December 2014 when my daughter was in Year 9. We had been very impressed with the approach to education taken by the school and I decided that I would like to help in the school's continuing development.</p> <p>I was educated at Mill Mount Grammar School in York and believe that the Grammar System benefited me both in terms of my academic achievement and as a rounded individual. I am sure that the Grammar System and AHS in particular continues to provide these benefits to young people today.</p>