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South Wilts Grammar School for Girls

Governor Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter

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We have reached the end of another busy and very successful school year. Governors have also been busy, with regular committee meetings, making departmental visits, attending parents' evenings, concerts, plays and Industry days. All of these keep us in touch with the staff, students, parents and the success of the school.

As always, these last few weeks are crammed with activities and trips. These include the Year 13 Ball for those who are leaving us and the inductions days for new Year 7 and 12 students who are joining us in September.

Finally, to the girls waiting for exam results and those who are leaving us, we wish you every success. We hope that everyone has a relaxing and happy holiday.



Diane Atkins
Chair of Governors

Dates to note:

2 September	Year 12 in am; Year 13 in pm;
3 September	Year 7 in school
4 September	Years 7—11 and 13 in school
5 September	All years in school
18 September 17 December	Speech Day Carol Service

DON'T Bin It!!

My usual response to requests for feedback is 'Oh no not another questionnaire – file it in the bin.' However, at our last Governing Body meeting I saw another side as we studied the responses from your Parental Questionnaires.

FACT:	Total response from whole school	= 355
	Total Students (January 2013)	= 1020

ASSESSMENT: Low number of responses. Must try harder to increase the responses.

RESULTS: Positive - overwhelmingly positive including the written comments.
Negative – a very small number covering too much homework, not enough homework, pressure to achieve and more affordable trips required.

We (staff and Governors) are working to ensure that you are all content with the quality of the teaching and learning that your daughters are receiving and that they are well cared for and happy at SWGS. We will be trying to reduce the negatives to zero whilst markedly increasing the responses.

Please come along to the Parent Voice sessions as Michele Chilcott, our Headteacher, welcomes your thoughts, comments and ideas. Of course you can always grab a Governor from our contact list or at Parents' Evenings. Please do not bin your Questionnaire, fill it in. It gives vital information on how you think the school is doing.

Wade Graham (Vice Chair of Governors)

Did you know? All our articles will be uploaded and linked to the school website, so that you can refer back to them.

Goodbye to Governors and notice of Parent Governor Election

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to two of our Governors, Kristina Beard and John Raisbeck. John became a Governor in the Autumn of 2007 and has served on the Curriculum Committee, as well as being the Careers Governor and PSHE Governor. His educational knowledge has been most welcomed. Kristina was elected as a Parent Governor in February 2011 and has served on the Personnel Committee where her HR expertise has been invaluable. We wish them well for the future. We will be holding an election for the Parent Governor vacancy in September.



Governing Body Who's Who

2012-2013



Diane Atkins
Chair of Governors
Attends all committees



Julie Allen
Staff Governor
Personnel Committee



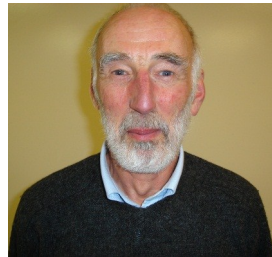
Lisa Ball
Governor and
Responsible Officer
Personnel and Audit
Committees



Chris Child
Parent Governor
Resources Committee



David French
Co-opted Governor
Personnel and Audit
Committees



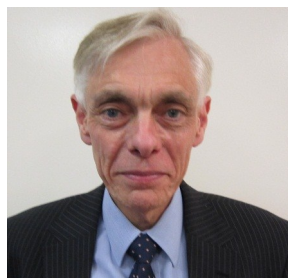
Wade Graham
Vice Chair of Governors
and Chair of the
Personnel Committee



Jacqui Goodall
Governor
SEN Governor
Curriculum Committee



Helen Hollinghurst
Staff Governor
Curriculum Committee



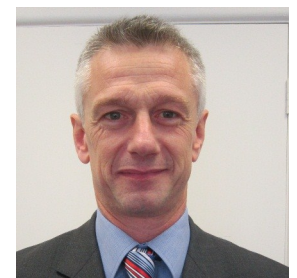
Howard Prince
Parent Governor
Health & Safety Governor
Resources Committee



Edward Richards
Governor
and Chair of the
Resources Committee



Helen Stewart
Governor
and Chair of the
Curriculum Committee
Child Protection Governor



Chris Whiteley
Governor
Personnel Committee



Elizabeth Wrighton
Staff Governor
Resources Committee