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South Wilts Grammar School for Girls

Governor Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter—please read on!



Maths & Computing



Science

A special welcome to all those parents whose daughters joined the school this year and welcome back for another year to all other parents. In our newsletters we try to keep you informed about the Governing Body and what we do.



Diane Atkins
Chair of Governors

At the beginning of the school year there was an election to appoint three Parent Governors and we welcome back Chris Child and Ted Edwards, both having been re-elected for another term of office. We also welcome Howard Prince, elected for the first time to the Governing Body. Howard introduces himself overleaf. During Terms 1 and 2, our main Governing Body and all Committees have met and their more routine 'new year' matters, such as electing Chairs, approving Terms of Reference and so on, have been completed.

On a different note, the School has now been an Academy for almost a full year. Whilst you may not have seen much change in and around the school, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes, and it has been a steep learning curve for the Governors, Headteacher and support team. Perhaps of greatest significance has been the completion of our first End of Year Annual Report and Financial Statement as an Academy Trust. This report was first endorsed by the Resources Committee on 1st December and then approved by the full Governing Body on 5th December. It will now be submitted before the dead-line of the last day of the calendar year. The process continues to be well supported by Frances Clark Auditors, who have worked extremely hard to get us to where we are.

On the academic front, you will already be aware of our outstanding results again over the summer. Congratulations to all our girls on their achievements, and our particular thanks must go to the staff who have ensured that we have got the very best out of our students. Finally, on behalf of the Governors wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dates to note:

- 3rd January 2012—Teachers' Training Day
- 4th January 2012—Students return to school
- 9th and 10th February 2012—Teachers' Training Days
- 13th—17h February 2012
- Half Term

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

Introducing Your New Parent Governor—Howard Prince:

How long have you been a Governor? I was elected in September this year and am inevitably still finding my feet - I have found everyone very helpful and will try to become fully effective soonest.





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Introducing Your New Parent Governor—Howard Prince (cont'd)

What is it like? It is early days yet! I have read much of the documentation and understand most of its content. I have also undertaken some of the excellent on-line courses available for new arrivals. So far, I have visited the PSHE department and attended recent meetings of both the Curriculum Committee and main Governing Body. My eldest daughter has been at SWGS for 5 years; I am well aware of, and fully support, the school ethos and vision.

Tell us a little about yourself. I am a single parent and have two daughters, 14 and 17, both at SWGS; their mother died 10 years ago. We live near Upavon and enjoy an active part in village life. We also share an interest in music, and I am aiming to be competent in playing at least one instrument!

What will you bring to the Governing Body? I am a Chartered Engineer and spent most of my career in the electricity industry, principally involved with project managing the IT installation in power stations and in ensuring regulatory obligations were met. Ten years ago, I moved to a large IT outsourcing company looking after the whims of big corporate clients. I have acquired both

Full list of Governors:

Mrs Diane Atkins

Governor (Chair)

Mr Wade Graham

Governor (Vice Chair)

Mrs Julie Allen

Staff

Mrs Lisa Ball

Governor

Mrs Kristina Beard

Parent

Mrs M Chilcott

Headteacher

Mr Chris Child

Parent

Mrs Helen Hollinghurst

Staff

Mr Howard Prince

Parent

Mr John Raisbeck

Governor

Mr Edward Richards

Parent

Mrs Helen Stewart

Governor

Mr Chris Whiteley

Governor

Mrs Elizabeth Wrighton

Staff

Mr John Youngs

Governor

Mrs Valerie Bryan

Clerk

Your Current Parent Governors:



Ted Richards:

Elected Parent Governor 2007 and re-elected 2011. Ted chairs the Resources Committee. Ted's children are in Years 13, 11, 9, 7 at SWGS (and one in Year 5 at St Mark's). An RAF

Engineering Officer, Ted is currently responsible for US Visiting Forces units in the UK.



Chris Child:

Elected Parent Governor in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Chris is currently a member of the Resources Committee. Chris has two children at SWGS in Years 12 and 9, another at Lee Hurst in Year 5, and a son at Bishops. An Army Officer for many years, Chris currently works in MoD Acquisition.



Kristina Beard:

Elected Parent Governor in early 2011, Kristina is a member of the Personnel Committee. Kristina's children are in Years 7 and 8 at SWGS, and she has another

in Year 5. Kristina lives near Salisbury and currently works as an Employment Law consultant.