

## **Governor Profiles**



### **Paul Allred**

I have been a Governor at Queens since 2016. I am a Foundation (Church) Governor and Chair of Governors. Since joining Queens I have always been impressed by the strong sense of community, from the Head through to all the staff, pupils, parents and volunteers – including governors.

I have also been a Foundation Governor at another local school since 2007.

I attend St Mary's Abbey Church and am encouraged by the strong links that Queens has with St. Mary's.

My background is Science Teaching.

### **Helen Allred**

I have been a Governor at Queens since 2013. I am a Foundation (Church) Governor. I have therefore been particularly involved in the journey of Queens as an Academy. I am impressed by the way the school has developed to be the wonderful community that it is today.

I attend St Mary's Abbey Church and am a Reader (Licensed Lay Minister) there. An aspect of being a Foundation Governor is to help uphold the Christian Distinctiveness of the school as well as fostering links with St Mary's Abbey Church. This is very important to me.

My background is Teaching and Careers work.



### **Sara Bhagatte**

I have been appointed as a Parent Governor at Queens since 2023. Two of my children are pupils at Queens and it has been lovely seeing the school championing small acts of kindness and encouraging pupils to reflect and develop as individuals.

As a Parent Governor, I am keen on offering a parental perspective to the governing board, I enjoy working alongside the school to help create the best possible learning environment for all children.

I also have a background in early years and am a School Governor at another local school.

## **Ginny Butcher**

I'm delighted to serve as a Foundation Governor, bringing over 20 years of experience as a Teaching Assistant, primarily in primary schools working with SEND children. My background in accountancy provides additional practical skills that benefit the governing body.

As an active member and leader of the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, I value the strong connection between our school and parish community. I'm married with three grown-up children, which gives me both personal and professional insight into children's educational needs.

I'm passionate about ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive. My extensive classroom experience, combined with my understanding of special educational needs, helps me contribute meaningfully to discussions about teaching, learning, and pastoral care.

Outside of my governor duties, I enjoy music (playing violin in a local orchestra), volunteering at church events, and spending time in our Abbey community. I believe education flourishes when schools, families, and communities work together, and I'm committed to supporting our school in achieving the very best outcomes for all our pupils.



## **Father Roger Butcher**

I'm privileged to serve as a Foundation Governor and Parish Priest of the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin. My role creates a vital bridge between our school and parish community, and I regularly visit the school to lead assemblies, connecting with pupils and staff.

As a theologian with a deep interest in philosophy, I bring a unique perspective to educational discussions about values, character development, and the spiritual dimension of learning. My academic background helps inform our approach to RE, collective worship, and the school's Christian ethos.

Before ordination, I worked as an engineer, which gave me strong analytical and problem-solving skills that I now apply to governance challenges. I maintain my engineering interests through restoring my classic car and narrowboat, hobbies that remind me of the satisfaction that comes from patient, detailed work and seeing projects through to completion.

I'm passionate about ensuring every child has opportunities to flourish and become the best that God calls them to be. This drives my commitment to supporting our school in providing excellent education within a caring, values-based environment where each pupil can discover and develop their unique gifts.

My engineering background, theological training, and pastoral experience combine to help me contribute practically and purposefully to our governing body's work in shaping the school's future.



## **Tania Sanford-Casey**

I'm pleased to have been appointed as a Parent Governor. My daughter started at Queens in 2025 and it has been wonderful to experience the welcoming and supportive environment at the heart of the school's Love In Action ethos.

Prior to becoming a Mum, I spent 10 years teaching individual and small group instrumental lessons in junior and secondary schools. I have experience in supporting children with a variety of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and have a personal interest in how childhood trauma shapes the brain. Having grown up with a chronic illness, I understand the impact that adversity can have on our children.

As a Parent Governor, I am committed to providing a parental point of view to the governing body. I'm passionate about using my lived experiences and educational background to assist the school in providing all children with the support they need, whatever challenges they face, so they can achieve their personal and academic potential.

As well as working as an accessibility consultant, I enjoy creating embroidery gifts for loved ones and testing my brain with Sudoku number puzzles. I have an interest in digital and film photography and am happiest with my camera in my hand and my family and friends around me."



The governing board also consists of the following members of teaching staff:

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| Hannah Carvell  | Executive Headteacher              |
| Kerry McLean    | Assistant Headteacher and SENCO    |
| Thomas Kidd     | Assistant Headteacher              |
| Daniel Chadwick | Head of School (Non-voting member) |