

The Grey Coat Hospital Executive – Governing Body

ROD CLARK

Rod Clark is currently Chair of Governors. He was first elected as a parent governor in 2012 and for a time chaired the Finance Committee. He was appointed Deputy Chair before stepping up to Chair following the tragic early death of Vicki Simmons. Rod is committed to the Christian ethos of Grey Coat and passionate about the power of education to transform lives especially for the disadvantaged. For eight years he led a charity in prison education and brings extensive experience of governance from his career in the Civil Service and in senior leadership. He also serves on the Personnel, Nominations and Strategy Committees.



LIAM CINI O'DWYER

Liam Cini O'Dwyer is currently the staff governor (teaching). He was first elected as a governor in 2020. Liam is committed to the Christian ethos of The Grey Coat Hospital School and passionate about the power of education to transform lives. Liam is particularly interested in nurturing Grey Coat students' Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) capital and celebrating Diversity and Inclusion across the school for all social minorities and marginalised groups. Liam has been a science teacher for seventeen years and began teaching at Grey Coat in January 2015. Liam is currently completing a STEM Education Masters part-time at King's College London, with his dissertation exploring student, parents and teacher perceptions of academic setting in science. Liam serves on the Curriculum Committee offering his knowledge and experience.



DR GLENDA COOPER

Dr Glenda Cooper is a former BBC and Washington Post correspondent turned academic. She is the undergraduate programme director for the department of journalism at City, University of London. Having worked in further education for a decade, Glenda has seen the increased mental health challenges for our students and is passionate about helping them develop the skills and resilience to flourish in today's environment. She is also the director of the European Journalism Observatory, a research network stretching across eleven countries. Glenda is a committee member for the Shine School Media Awards, which encourage media projects that give students national recognition, help their tertiary education applications, and promote inter-departmental teamwork. Glenda is a newly appointed parent governor, she brings knowledge around enriching the curriculum and promoting creativity, which has been a focus of her own research. She worships at Holy Trinity in Clapham, where she is on the hosting and sound teams. She has a daughter in Year 7.



NICOLA COTTIER

Nicola has a passion for Christian education and has been involved in this field as a Head or Principal for the last 25 years. She serves on the Board of Governors as a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Nominations Committee and is also the Link Governor for Safeguarding. She is appointed by the London Diocesan Board for Schools. She considers it her great privilege to champion the excellence of the education provided by The Grey Coat Hospital and also to listen, learn, advise and question as the School and governors seek to refine and review school practices.



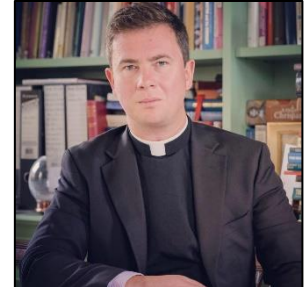
ELIZABETH GIBSON

Elizabeth Gibson is currently Vice-Chair of Governors. She was elected as a parent governor in 2004: both her daughters attended The Grey Coat Hospital and during her time as a parent she chaired the Guild from 2005 – 2007. She was appointed as an academy governor in 2012 and chairs the Admissions Committee. Currently, Elizabeth is the designated governor for SEND, Inclusion and Pupil Premium. She has also served on the following committees - Finance, Personnel, and Strategy. She taught in London primary schools for over 20 years and then went to work in the voluntary sector for 20 years. She is 'sort of' retired: how did she find time to work?



JAMIE HAWKEY

Jamie Hawkey has been a governor at Grey Coat since the middle of 2019, representing the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. He is Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, and a Chaplain to HM The Queen. In the education sector, he has experience as a governor, committee chair and teacher, in both the secondary and tertiary sectors. He is passionate about excellence, ethos, and equality of opportunity. Jamie currently serves on the Personnel Committee.



SUSAN LOWSON

Susan comes from a clinical background with qualifications in both paediatric and adult nursing. She has held senior nursing posts at St Thomas' Hospital in London and Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust. Susan was the Lead Clinician for the Health Service Ombudsman where she recruited and headed up a team of NHS clinicians who provided advice to the Health Investigators for complaints about NHS care. Since recent retirement she has built up a portfolio of Trustee and Governor posts. Susan is a Trustee of the Demelza Children's Hospice where she is Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee. She believes passionately in the rights of children. She is a member of the Parochial Church Council at St Matthew's Church Westminster where she has also previously held the post of Church Warden. Susan is a Vice Chair and Trustee of the United Westminster and Grey Coat Foundation. She has served on both the Remuneration Committee and the Nominations Committee. Susan was formerly a pupil at GCH - many years ago!



FATHER ANDREW MOUGHTIN-MUMBY

Father Andrew is a newly appointed parent governor and is dad to three GCH pupils in Years 7 and 8. He is the Rector of St Peter's Church, Walworth near Elephant & Castle and passionate about relationships between faiths. He is a member of the Church of England's General Synod where he works on racial justice issues. He also serves as a school governor at St Peter's CE Primary School, Walworth and previously at Surrey Square Primary School. Father Andrew is interested in the home-school relationship. He believes in a harmony of pupil safety, academic achievement, pastoral care and all the 'extras' that make school life a fun, friendly, interesting experience for our children. He believes that the multi-cultural pupil body at GCH is a blessing and a great place for today's urgent issues of racial justice to be explored. He enjoys photography, music, running, trying to grow plants, and sharing food and drink.



JOHN NESBITT

John Nesbitt is a governor serving on the Finance and Buildings Committee. He has been a part of the GCH Governing Body since circa 2004. John was originally a trustee for GCH and became a governor to further develop his understanding of how the school is run, and to deliver a positive impact upon property matters. In addition to this John is committed to the provision of top-class education within an Academy.



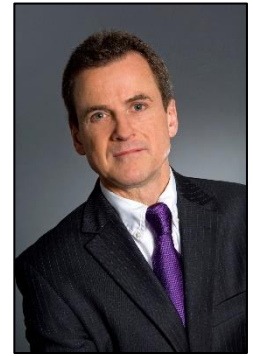
JACKY SCHROER

Jacky Schroer has been a governor at The Grey Coat Hospital since 2014. Her daughter attended GCH throughout her secondary education and Jacky was Chair of the school's Guild (PTA) for numerous years. After over 20 years working in the major global music industry, she re-trained and is now a class teacher, middle leader and Lead for Religious Education at a Westminster primary school. She currently sits on the Curriculum and Development Committees and is a Trustee of the Adventure Trust which support students with educational overseas trips designed to support their next steps after school. Her participation in governance began whilst her daughter was at primary school, where Jacky was Chair of their Governing Body. She is passionate about strategically enabling The Grey Coat Hospital's community to reach its full potential, supporting the delivery of the school's vision, ethos, aims and values. Jacky is committed to inclusion and collectively reviewing decisions so that the school is a safe, positive teaching and learning environment for all.



JULIAN SLATER

Julian Slater has been a governor since 2003. He started as an elected parent governor when his daughter was in Year 7, before becoming a Foundation governor. Julian was Chair of Governors from 2012 to 2016. Julian chaired the Finance Committee from 2004 to 2016 (Finance and Buildings from 2012) and once again is chairing Finance and Buildings as from November 2019. Before serving as a governor at Grey Coat, Julian was a governor at St James Church of England Primary School Muswell Hill for eleven years, serving as Chair of Governors for ten of those years. Julian is a Chartered Accountant and is CFO – EMEA for Korn Ferry, a US publicly quoted consulting company. Julian is a committed Christian and worships at Grace Church Muswell Hill, a church plant of St James Muswell Hill where Julian served as Church Warden for ten years.



SUSANNE STAAB

Susanne attends the Governing Body as Headteacher of the Grey Coat Hospital. Susanne has over 25 years of teaching and leadership experience spanning the selective, non-selective and independent sectors. She is also a trained OFSTED inspector. Her subject specialisms are History, Politics and Sociology and she loves maintaining a regular teaching commitment. Susanne is passionate about providing opportunities which will allow young people to achieve and succeed in life irrespective of background, needs or ability. Having served over eight years as Headteacher of a selective boys' school with a mixed sixth form in Kent, she is now embarked on her second headship at The Grey Coat Hospital. Susanne also acts as a Professional Conduct Panellist for the Teaching Regulation Agency.



REBECCA STEWART

Rebecca Stewart was appointed a parent governor in 2013 when she had two daughters at the school, becoming a Foundation governor in 2017 once her younger daughter had left. She was a member of the Curriculum Committee for six years and is now Chair of the Personnel Committee as well as a Trustee of the Westminster Technical Fund. Rebecca has a background in nursing and currently works as a specialist health visitor in perinatal and infant mental health. She is a member of Grace Church, an Anglican church in north London, where she has been member of the church council for many years and has been actively involved in children's ministry and community outreach projects.



FREDERICK STUDEMANN SCHULENBURG

Frederick Studemann Schulenburg is currently a Foundation parent governor and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. He was first elected as Parent Governor in 2011. He was a member of the taskforce committee that oversaw Grey Coat's transition to academy status. Fred is committed to the ethos of Grey Coat, its comprehensive status and the ability of education to transform lives. He is particularly supportive of Grey Coat's status as a Language College and believes strongly in the importance of the teaching and awareness of foreign languages and cultures. He has worked as a journalist for over 30 years, most of them at the Financial Times where he has held various positions, including Assistant Editor, Comment Editor and Political Correspondent. He is currently the paper's Literary Editor. He is a member of the Strategy Committee and a Trustee of the Westminster Technical Fund which supports Grey Coat students in their post-school education.



GILES THOMAS

Giles joined the Governing Body as a parent governor in 2017, when he had two daughters at GCH. Working in the university sector, he is passionate about education and the opportunities it opens up - this is what motivates him to make a contribution to the School. He sees the introduction of the Grey Coat Gift as very important for the ongoing financial health of the School and wants to help foster a culture of giving in our school community. Currently he is Chair of the Development Committee and serves on the Finance and Strategy Committees, and is a co-opted governor.



The Grey Coat Hospital Secretariat

MICHAEL BITHELL

Michael Joined the Foundation in 2015 from Deloitte (corporate finance). In education Michael has served as a governor in the state-maintained sector for twenty years, including being chairman of governors of a large secondary school, honorary treasurer for a VA senior school, trustee of a school foundation, member of an academy trust, and founding member of a free school. He sits now as the national church of England representative on the DfE working group for academy accounts, and as an elected member and vice-chairman of the Schools' Forum for Westminster. He is a qualified teacher. In other Christian charities, Michael currently serves as a trustee of the Diocese of London (on the Bishop's Council and two other committees). He sits on his local PCC and deanery synod, and is a former churchwarden and, for over twenty years, PCC secretary. He is an honorary steward of Westminster Abbey. Hobbies: Sailing and walking in N Wales. Michael attends Finance Committee meetings in his capacity as Finance Director of the Foundation.



PHILIP COTTAM

Philip Cottam is a former Headmaster who entered education after 18 years in the Army. He was a housemaster at Sedbergh School in Cumbria, then Head of History, Head of Humanities and Senior Master at Stowe School. While Headmaster at Halliford School he was a member of the Joint Associations Curriculum Group that represented all heads in the country, maintained and independent, in providing feedback to the DfE and the now defunct QCA. He was elected Chairman of the Society of Heads, was a longstanding member of the Society's Education Committee, a board member of the Independent Schools Council, was co-opted member of the Independent Schools Association Education Committee and a member of a Department for Education A-Level Reform Working Party. He was also a member and then Secretary of the Oxford University Education Society. He has been a school governor and until late 2019 was for five years the Director of Overseas Projects at Haileybury College running schools overseas in Kazakhstan. Philip currently serves as Clerk to the Governing Body.

