

## **Meet the Governors of CSPA**

### **Sarah Burrell**

Sarah first moved to Chalfont St. Peter in 1986, attending the CSP Infant School, and then the CSP Academy (known as the CSP Middle School). Her mother also taught at CSP Academy during this time, and now serves as a School Governor at CSP Infant School. After completing her education at Dr. Challoner's High School, Sarah earned a degree in Music Technology and began her career in film and television post-production in London. Over time, she transitioned from sound engineering into computer science, where she now specialises in cyber security. With multiple cyber security professional qualifications, Sarah has also contributed to the development of industry-wide professional standards through her work with the UK Cyber Security Council. In 2018, Sarah returned to Chalfont St. Peter with her family, and her child now attends the Academy - continuing the family tradition!

### **John Edwards**

Originally from East London, John later moved to Shenfield, Essex, with his wife Valerie and their three young children. In 2007, with their children now flown the nest, they relocated to Gozo, Malta and later Valencia, Spain. In October 2023, they returned to the UK and moved here to CSP. They have a granddaughter in her last year at our school. During the time John lived in Brentwood, John was trustee and chair of the Citizens Advice Bureau, trustee of the Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer at Home Start. John also spent many years managing and helping to run the local boys under 12 football club. In Malta, he joined the Red Cross, achieving First Responder qualification. John was also trustee and chair of Gozo Home Start, as well as running the village boys and girls soccer teams. John says "I very much look forward to making a positive contribution to the welfare and success of our school and to ensure that our teachers are provided with the best tools and support to make this happen".

### **Revd. James King CBE**

Following graduation from Kings' College, London in English and Theology I taught for seven years in secondary modern, grammar and comprehensive schools serving as Head of English, Head of Year and staff governor. Thereafter I joined the UK public service as a home civil servant and UK diplomat for 24 years working domestically and internationally in North America, Europe and the Middle East on conflict resolution and peacemaking. I was particularly engaged in the Irish Peace Process for which I was awarded a CBE. I subsequently worked for a global investment bank leading work on managing international risk. My wife and I moved to Chalfont St Peter in 1977 and both of our children attended Chalfont St Peter Middle School (now CSPA) where I served on the PTA. We now have a grandchild at the school. I was ordained as an Anglican clergyman in 2001 and have served in various churches since 2008 periodically as an Associate Priest in Chalfont St Peter. I am delighted at the close relationship between the parish church and CSPA. I have served previously on our academy governing body and was delighted to return for a further term commencing October 2021. I am Chair of Governors at Chalfont St Peter Infant School.

### **Jeremy Owen**

Jeremy has been a Parent Governor since his son joined the school in 2022 and has now taken on the role of Vice-Chair. He has taken a keen and active interest in the school to ensure the already high standards are maintained and pushed where possible. Also to ensure the staff and pupils are given the best opportunities where possible. Originally from Worcester he attended the prestigious Kings School Worcester after which he decided to pursue a career in the London property market.

Jeremy moved to Wexham with his wife Emma in late 2018 and have been married since 2012. He now runs his own company covering the prime and super prime properties in the Bucks, Berks and Surrey. In his spare time he likes to spend time with his family, walk Oreo their cockapoo, watch sport and build Lego with Albert as well and see him exceed as a top goalkeeper for two local football teams. Jeremy is keen to get involved in every aspect of the school he can.

### **Jessica Redman**

After my A Levels, I was successful in getting onto a scholarship programme in which I got to spend a wonderful year at a high school in Connecticut. On my return, I chose to learn some secretarial skills and got a job with a PR consultancy in London. I then switched to in-house press office work, firstly with a trade association which gave me opportunities to travel and get involved with trade exhibitions, and then with the Royal Institute of British Architects where I was Assistant Press Officer. Having taken a career break to have my two children, I decided to take a position as a teaching assistant at a local primary school and two years into that, the Head Teacher suggested I should apply for a course run by Oxford Brookes University in which I could study for a degree as a teacher and continue working in school. This was a major turning point in my life; I loved returning to study as a mature student but I also got to train alongside fellow teaching assistants, share experiences with them and work with a great variety of teachers and I knew without a doubt that education was where I needed to be. Four years later, I was qualified and I took up full-time teaching with St Mary's in Gerrards Cross and then Thorpe House School. Although I am now retired, education and children's welfare continue to be a huge passion and I am delighted to have joined the governing body so that I can continue to play a role in school life and contribute to our local community. I am a member of the parish church and also love music and theatre, both as a spectator and a performer.

### **James Simmons**

James moved to Chalfont St Peter in 1978 and grew up in the village. He moved to Woodley near Reading in 1996 and trained as a youth worker. He enjoyed over twelve years working in the local Church and community. James was given the opportunity to move back to Chalfont St Peter to work at Gold Hill Baptist Church and has served in many areas of church life. He is currently Community Pastor and Chair of Trustees for CSP Youth Centre. James says "Chalfont St Peter and the surrounding area is a great place to live and work. My hope and dream is to see all those in our community flourish" He is married to Helen and has two children – Sophie and Joshua. He enjoys supporting Watford FC, eating out and catching up with friends and family.

### **Charlotte Stanhope**

I am an experienced primary teacher and SENDCo, and currently work full time as Inclusion/ Learning Support and Pupil Outcomes Lead at a local preparatory school. My own children attended Chalfont St Peter Academy and it is a privilege to be part of the school's Governing Body.

### **Heidi Weaver**

Hello my name is Heidi and I am delighted to be a Governor for CSPA. I have grown up in Chalfont St Peter where I now continue to live with my family. I attended CSPA from Year 3-6 and learnt lots of life lessons from my time at CSPA so it's amazing to have the opportunity to give back to a school. Following graduating from Warwick University I then gained a PGCE from University College London - Institute of Education and have since taught in secondary schools where I am now an Assistant Headteacher. In my spare time I enjoy being with the family and getting involved with local village events such as Feast Day!