






Governor Profiles

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<p>Niranjan Annamalai Governor Type: Parent Governor Initial Appointment Date: 8 October 2020 Current Term of Office: 12 December 2022 to 11 December 2026 Governor Role: Vice Chair Personnel Committee SEND Governor—Vice</p>		<p>I have two daughters currently studying at AHS and youngest is in Year 6 at St Edwards. Both enjoy the educational experiences offered and I am passionate about helping young people to achieve the best they can.</p> <p>I am a pharmacist and count over 20 years' work experience in Healthcare. I am currently work as the Superintendent Pharmacist for the wholly-owned subsidiary of Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. I was instrumental in setting up this new service and building a new team, which has brought about meaningful changes in service delivery. This role involves developing policies and procedures, financial management, governance and providing strategic direction.</p> <p>I believe this knowledge and skills will help develop the board of Governors and school in identifying areas of improvement, resource plans, and meeting the financial demands associated with running a school within the budget.</p> <p>Being able to listen to parents and pupils, bringing different skills to the school from commercial life and caring passionately about the welfare of all involved in the school are the key qualities, I believe would assist me in performing this role.</p>
<p>Nicholas Burgess Governor Type: Parent Governor Initial Appointment Date: 12 October 2020 Current Term of Office: 12 October 2020 to 11 October 2024 Governor Role: Chair of the Resources Committee; SEND Governor</p>		<p>My name is Nicholas, and I am proud to serve as a governor and as a parent with my daughter currently in the sixth form at AHS. I am a mathematician working for a major investment bank, specialising in quantitative finance and electronic trading algorithms. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working internationally, particularly enjoying my time in Singapore and the Asia Pacific, where I collaborated with individuals from many diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>Recently, I graduated from Oxford University with a degree in financial strategy, and I also hold degrees in mathematics, languages, and derivatives trading. My professional journey has allowed me to engage actively in student recruitment, career development, and networking events. Additionally, I have served as a visiting lecturer at institutions such as New York University (NYU), Imperial College London, and Bayes Business School London. I also take pride in occasionally assisting with the organisation of school career fairs.</p> <p>I am passionate about empowering young people through education, positive relationships, and networking opportunities. My own experiences have shown me how a strong education and a diverse network can pave the way for success. As a governor, I am dedicated to giving back to the AHS community by supporting our students, teachers, and parents. It is particularly important to me that we ensure all students—including those with special educational needs or disadvantaged—are well-supported and have access to the resources they need to thrive.</p> <p>With my technology background, I aim to help navigate the complexities of technological advancements responsibly. It is essential to embrace innovation while promoting online safety and safeguarding our students. Furthermore, I hope to enhance the sixth form experience and encourage AHS students to aspire to further education and successful careers.</p> <p>I look forward to working together with all of you to create a supportive and enriching environment for our children.</p>

<p>Helen Bush</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 4 December 2017</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 23 September 20 to 22 September 24</p> <p>Governor Role: Co-Chair of Governors; Safeguarding Governor; Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee</p>		<p>I have 14 years' experience as a governor in local primary and secondary schools. This includes 7 years as chair of the Governing Board at Bedgrove Junior School where I was originally appointed to the Interim Executive Board which took over the governance of the school when it went into special measures in 2013. As a member of the IEB I helped the school improve to its current 'good' status within two years and remained committed to the school achieving 'outstanding' before stepping down in 2022. I was also a governor at Bedgrove Infant School for 5 years, where I was vice chair for two years. I have co-chaired the Board at AHS with Kate Weir since 2020, having joined the board in 2017. I am also a Member of the Insignis Academy Trust.</p> <p>I am passionate about the role which education plays in inspiring, challenging and enabling young people to succeed in life, and am personally committed to ensuring that every pupil has the opportunities to achieve to the best of their ability.</p> <p>I have been a full-time mum to my daughter (who joined AHS in 2017) since giving up work in the voluntary sector as a policy advisor, including at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. This included two secondments into government departments to advise on voluntary sector policy.</p>
<p>Neil Esslemont</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 4 December 2017</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 3 December 2021 to 2 December 2025</p> <p>Governor Role: Chair of Pay Review Committee Chair of Personnel Committee Vice Chair of the Resources Committee Health & Safety Governor</p>		<p>I became a Parent Governor in late 2017 and I am pleased to have the opportunity to be more involved in the life of the school. I have also been a Parent Governor at Turnfurlong Junior School since 2015.</p> <p>In my professional life I am a Chartered Geologist and I work for Network Rail. In my spare time, I play (and teach) the bagpipes.</p>
<p>David Hudson</p> <p>Governor Type: Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: Current Term of Office: 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028</p>		<p>I was brought up in Birmingham and attended Handsworth Grammar School (1971-1980). I read History at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, before completing my PGCE at the University of Oxford. During this time, I was awarded a Blue in football for both universities.</p> <p>I have taught in state schools since 1987 in Bristol, Thame, Didcot and Bicester. As Head of History, I co-authored "The Early Tudors", a text book for A-level study (still in use!). I also spent two years teaching in Paris before being appointed Headteacher at The Royal Latin School in January 2010.</p> <p>At the Royal Latin School, I introduced significant curriculum changes, guided the school to its current Academy status and used the freedom thereof to develop a significant fundraising campaign to improve learning facilities for the school and community (the 600 Campaign). This resulted in a new 12 lab science "Discovery Centre", a refurbished 6th Form Centre and an all-weather sports pitch and fitness suite. I also had the pleasure of organising a series of events to celebrate the school's 600th anniversary in 2023. I retired in August 2024.</p> <p>I have extensive experience of the grammar school sector in Buckinghamshire and also been a governor in two schools (in Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes). I look forward to bringing this experience to the governing body at Aylesbury High School.</p>

<p>Atiya Kenworthy</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Chair of the Personnel Committee</p>		<p>I have 3 children; daughters in Years 7 & 8 at AHS, as well as a son currently in Year 4. I also have 3 cats and a St Berdoodle puppy called Alan.</p> <p>I was educated at Watford Girls' Grammar School and believe strongly that the opportunities and experience in these crucial years of education shape what and who we are today and how we pave our way for the future.</p> <p>I currently work as a Medical Director for a Pharmaceutical company researching and developing therapies for rare diseases. Navigating my way through difficult processes, procedures, governance and healthcare funding systems in the UK, Ireland and across Europe provides a good foundation in which to provide support, guidance and innovation to pupils, staff and parents at Aylesbury High School. Am looking forward to this opportunity and challenge and making it a success.</p>
<p>Rajas Kulkarni</p> <p>Governor Type: Parent Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 31 January 2023</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 31 January 2023 - 30 January 2027</p>		<p>My daughter is currently in Y11. I am self-employed and provide IT consultancy within Cyber Security from a project management perspective to various FTSE 100 customers in the UK. Outside of my day job I assist during AHSA events as required.</p> <p>I was a member of the Parent Governing board in my daughter's primary school. I have the necessary skills with 15+ years' experience in Stakeholder Engagement, Risk and Issues management and Finance just to name a few from project management perspective.</p> <p>As an AHS Parent Governor, I will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a critical friend to school leaders at a strategic level to help school achieve its goals and ensure every pupil has the best possible education; 2. Bring my knowledge / experience to further develop the vision and strategy for the school; 3. Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the school community to understand their views; 4. Oversee the financial performance of the school to ensure its money is well spent.
<p>Sandra Maher</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 12 October 2020</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 12 October 2020 to 11 October 2024</p> <p>Governor Role: Vice Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee</p>		<p>As a passionate advocate of AHS and the academic excellence and preparation for life it provides, I am honoured to serve as a Governor, striving to help the school constantly improve and innovate. I hope to use my experience in business and education for the benefit of AHS.</p> <p>I have been a school governor for a local 'Outstanding' primary school for 12 years, currently as a Foundation Governor. After studying for a Business Law degree, I worked for the Open University and for many years was their International IT Director with the role of delivering high quality online education to many areas of the world including the USA, Middle East, SE Asia and South Africa. Currently, as well as being a mother to two children, one each at AGS and AHS, I work for the children's charity WorldVision who help the most vulnerable children in the world experience the fullness of life.</p> <p>In my spare time I enjoy playing the piano, violin and harp, painting and walking in the woods.</p> <p>My aim is to enable AHS to help our girls be the best that they can be, encourage them to be creative, compassionate and courageous young women and prepare them for their journey to happy and fulfilled lives.</p>

<p>Linda Oatley</p> <p>Governor Type: Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 28 February 2023</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 28 February 2023 to 27 February 2027</p> <p>Governor Role: Co-Vice Chair of the Resources Committee Whistleblowing Governor</p>		<p>To say I'm delighted to be a Governor of AHS is an understatement. All of my experience is in life, which has been rich and variable. My career was in the corporate sector both here and in the USA. I was Vice President for sales & marketing in a medium sized US healthcare company with responsibility for the contiguous USA. In the UK I was a senior manager for a telecoms company working nationally in their commercial division.</p> <p>Since retirement I have taken my 'A' levels and completed my undergraduate degree at the Open University. I have just completed a Diploma in Art History and my next educational challenge will be a Masters Degree.</p> <p>I was also a Presiding Justice for fifteen years and sat on both adult and youth cases...all of human life is there. Most recently and for many years I was a Trustee and Chair of the Chilterns MS Centre, which provides services not available on the NHS for people with multiple sclerosis. To say children are our future is another understatement and a cliché but true nonetheless.</p> <p>I very much hope with my experience and enthusiasm I can help and assist the girls and young woman at AHS to see and fulfil their enormous potential. Way to go girls....!</p>
<p>John Orchard</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Chair of the Resources Committee</p>		<p>I have a daughter in Year 10 at AHS; she thoroughly enjoys the educational, social and extracurricular activities at AHS.</p> <p>I became a Governor in December 2022 following much consideration, due to the commitment the role requires and deserves, with the wish to give back and impart knowledge from my professional life to benefit and serve AHS.</p> <p>In my professional life I work for a major waste management company, as head of Civil Engineering, responsible for delivery of capital construction projects, working with regulators, contractors, designers and stakeholders. Health and safety, sustainability and value for money are key pillars that projects are judged against. Experience and learnings from my work are fully transferable into the Governor role.</p> <p>In my spare time I am an avid sports fan enjoying motorsport, cricket and rugby. I enjoy travelling and walking.</p>
<p>Marina Parker-Allotey</p> <p>Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust)</p> <p>Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022</p> <p>Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026</p> <p>Governor Role: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Governor School Food</p>		<p>As a Chartered Accountant (FCCA) with extensive experience in the Financial Services and Telecom industry, I bring a wealth of financial expertise as well as regulatory and management knowledge to my role as a governor. Over the years, I've led Regulatory Reporting, Risk assurance and Profitability teams, as well as providing accounting expertise to Change & Restructuring projects, contributing to the strategic decision-making that drives success.</p> <p>Beyond my professional experience, I have a deep passion for education and a strong commitment to supporting our school community. I have been an active volunteer since 2015 at my children's schools. I have participated in various school initiatives (reading, career, diversity) as well as school trips, events and curriculum consultations. I have also delivered financial training programmes to primary schools, helping to foster financial literacy and community engagement.</p> <p>As a parent of three children, with my eldest currently in Year 9, I understand the importance of providing a nurturing, diverse, and inclusive environment for all students. My roles as an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Governor, and School Food Governor, reflect my dedication to ensuring our school is a place where every child can thrive.</p> <p>It is an honour to contribute to the development of our children and to work alongside staff, parents, and the wider community to ensure the success of the school.</p> <p>In my spare time, I enjoy playing competitive tennis and keeping fit.</p>

<p>Uday Shankar Governor Type: Parent Governor Initial Appointment Date: 31 January 2023 Current Term of Office: 31 January 2023 - 30 January 2027</p>		<p>Uday is a devoted parent who is actively involved in his daughter's education at Aylesbury High School since 2020. He was elected as a Parent Governor in January 2023 and is enthusiastic about serving in this capacity.</p> <p>With a background in working alongside top business leaders, board members, and governance, Uday has extensive business expertise and a wealth of experience in strategic planning and project management. As an Associate Director, he provided guidance and monitored the growth market strategy, ensuring effective implementation of these strategies while meeting compliance and regulatory requirements. He has a proven track record in digital technology, stakeholder management, and people coaching, having collaborated with numerous senior leadership teams and C-suite executives. Currently pursuing a Business Administration degree at Warwick Business School, Uday's focus is on Organisational Performance and Board Governance Business Sustainability.</p>
<p>Arpana Valji Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust) Initial Appointment Date: 8 December 2022 Current Term of Office: 8 December 2022 to 7 December 2026 Governor Role: Careers Governor</p>		<p>I am a business owner and entrepreneur and have been a member of the school's governing body since November 2022.</p> <p>I am deeply committed to ensuring that every student at the school receives the best possible education and support. In my role as a governor, I work closely with the school leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school and to ensure that it is well-managed and financially stable.</p> <p>Additionally, I also serve as a link between the school and the local community, and work to promote the school and its achievements. Outside of my role as a governor, I'm a busy mother of three, I actively run my businesses and play various sports. I am hugely passionate about making a difference to the future generation and helping to guide them not only to prepare them for life after school, but to empower them to truly live their best life.</p>
<p>Kate Weir Governor Type: Appointed Governor (by the Members of the Academy Trust) Initial Appointment Date: 15 December 2014 Current term of office: 3 December 2021 to 2 December 2025 Governor Role: Co-Chair of Governors Arts Link</p>		<p>I first became a Parent Governor in December 2014 when my daughter was in Year 9. We had been very impressed with the approach to education taken by the school and I decided that I would like to help in the school's continuing development.</p> <p>I was educated at Mill Mount Grammar School in York and believe that the Grammar System benefited me both in terms of my academic achievement and as a rounded individual. I am sure that the Grammar System and AHS in particular continues to provide these benefits to young people today.</p>

Chris White

Governor Type: Appointed Governor
(by the Members of the Academy
Trust)

Initial Appointment Date:
12 October 2020

Current Term of Office:
12 October 2020 to 11 October
2024



I have had two daughters at AHS, my youngest continuing into 6th Form in Sept 24 and eldest finishing her A Levels and starting university at the same time. So, I feel this is one of the best times I could offer my knowledge, experience and support to the School as a Governor.

My background is technical, in a rather unique Audio / Visual / IT engineering sphere. I have run a number of SME businesses over the past 20 years, regularly having to deal with both client and technical challenges. I think this puts me in a great position to be able to provide AHS, its pupils and staff with some positive and unique governance views.

As an active Christian, I believe faith is an important aspect of life and that all faiths should be protected and encouraged within any environment, especially in our daughters' formative school years.

My vision as a Governor is, to encourage the business and technological aspects of both the education of the girls and of school as a whole, to provide support and governance for the safeguarding of our children, as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff and to help to enhance the whole AHS experience throughout this challenging educational and financial landscape.