



SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNORS

Name	Committees / Representatives
Michael R A Bailey	Commercial Committee
<p>Michael Bailey joined KGS in 1981 and left in 1987 having gone with the school rugby team on a World Tour.</p> <p>Since leaving KGS, Michael has been in the Financial Services industry; his business, Bailey Financial Services was set up in 1994 and continues today.</p> <p>After leaving Kirkham, Michael played rugby at Preston Grasshoppers till the age of 39; played 400 games for the 1st XV and also captained the team at the age of 26. He was very fortunate to play for England over 33s which took him on some great tours with some amazing players and characters. At the age of 37, Michael was asked to be Chairmen of Rugby at Hoppers taking over from his father, who was also an OKA. He still retains the position and is on the Management Committee.</p> <p>Michael has four children at KGS, all daughters and has lived in Preston all his life; he loves playing golf and competitive tennis, skiing and wakeboarding. Kirkham Grammar School is a place he can't thank enough for giving him so many wonderful memories and he is delighted to now put something back into the school by being a member of the Board of Governors.</p>	

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Alan R Berry	Pastoral and Academic Committee
<p>Alan Berry was born in Huddersfield and attended Huddersfield New College School. He qualified in medicine at Edinburgh University, where he began his surgical training before moving to Oxford as the Clinical Tutor in the Nuffield Department of Surgery at the University of Oxford. He then took up a position as Consultant Surgeon at Northampton General Hospital which he held for 24 years. Alan is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England. He has served as an examiner for The University of Oxford and for The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.</p> <p>Following retirement from clinical practice, Alan moved with his wife to the Fylde. They have three children and Alan served as a Parent Governor at their school in Northampton. Since retiring, Alan has worked as an assessor of surgeons for the National Clinical Advisory Service (NCAS) and as a clinical inspector for the Care Quality Commission (CQC).</p> <p>Alan joined the Governing Body in 2017 and is currently a member of the Pastoral and Academic Committee.</p> <p>Alan is a keen sportsman who was awarded a Full Blue in Association Football at Edinburgh University and was fortunate enough, while working in Oxford, to be appointed team doctor to Oxford United FC, at a time when the club played in the top flight of English Football.</p>	

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Keith Berry	Pastoral and Academic Committee Learning Support/Child Protection and Safeguarding Representative
<p>Keith Berry had extensive experience as a Senior Leader in a number of Special School settings nationally before being appointed as Headteacher at Park Community Academy in Blackpool in 1998. Over a period of 23 years, he led the school through a major period of change that saw the age phase and designation of need change significantly and the pupil population double in size. The school moved from 'satisfactory' in 1997 to four successive Ofsted 'Outstanding' ratings. Keith is a great advocate for distributed leadership and a 'grow your own' policy for staff. He has been an NLE (National Leader in Education) since 2013 and Park Community Academy had National Support School status as a result of its track record for supporting school improvement. He also has experience as an IEB (Interim Executive Board) member and as an Accounting Officer within an Academy Trust.</p> <p>High on Keith's list of personal interests is sport and he is a 'self-confessed football fanatic' in his spare time! He is a season ticket holder at Huddersfield Town along with three other family members including his brother Alan, also a Governor at KGS.</p> <p>Keith was awarded the Gold Pearson National Teaching Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2019.</p>	

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Julian E S Kollard	Chair of Commercial Committee
<p>Julian Kollard studied Hotel and Catering at Blackpool and Fylde College and became manager of a local hotel before being appointed a Director in Choice Hotels Ltd.</p> <p>Julian is married with four children and one is still in full time education at KGS. His hobbies include sport, cooking, and wildlife. He has also coached rugby at Preston Grasshoppers RUFC.</p> <p>He became a Governor of Kirkham Grammar School in 2010 and is currently Chair of the Commercial Committee.</p>	

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Suzanne Pendergest	Pastoral and Academic Committee
<p>Suzanne has a strong knowledge of Kirkham Grammar School from both inside as a member of staff and also as a parent. This provides the advantage of knowing how Kirkham Grammar School operates and familiarity with key processes within the school.</p> <p>Suzanne retired from KGS in 2022 and has since set up and is running a small business spanning sales and marketing. She is married with two children and two step-children who have all attended Kirkham Grammar School. Her hobbies are traveling, cooking and socialising with friends.</p> <p>Suzanne was a committed member of The Friends of Kirkham Grammar School for over 20 years and is responsible for the successful history of fundraising events and in particular, the balls.</p>	

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Sheba Raza	Pastoral and Academic Committee
<p>Sheba Raza boarded at KGS during 1986-1989 whilst her parents were based in Zambia, Central Africa. After completing her GCSEs and A Levels elsewhere, she read law at the London School of Economics qualifying as a solicitor in the City of London in 1999. In 2004, Sheba completed a Masters in Law at the University of Amsterdam. She has been a practising lawyer at various firms in the City for almost 25 years with expertise in complex corporate and finance transactions for a broad variety of corporate, institutional and high net worth clients.</p> <p>In 2016, Sheba was appointed to the board of The Bermuda Society (a non-profit organisation created as a joint venture between the Bermuda government and the Lord Mayor of London) and became Vice Chair in 2020. She also is a Freeman of the City of London, a member of the City of London Solicitors Company and a member of the Editorial Board of a leading international corporate restructuring journal.</p> <p>Sheba lives in Central London with her long term partner. In her spare time, Sheba is a car enthusiast who also enjoys travel, Egyptology, reading and fine art.</p>	

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Paul R A Ribchester	Curriculum Committee (Vice Chair)
<p>Paul Ribchester is an Old Boy of KGS, attending as a weekly boarder between 1982-1989. After completing his A Levels he joined the industry of commercial consultancy for defence and aviation equipment. In 1992 Paul diversified into the supply of professionally organised pyrotechnic displays and retain brand fireworks to supermarkets. He remains in the industry with his present role as Sales Director for TNT Fireworks UK Ltd; an American conglomerate of businesses. Paul's son Harry attends KGS.</p> <p>Paul's hobbies include rugby, skiing, road cycling, sailing and travel. He currently coaches rugby at Preston Grasshoppers, as well as assisting with rugby coaching at KGJS.</p> <p>Paul became a Governor of Kirkham Grammar School in 2017 and is currently a member of the Boarding House Committee and Vice Chair of Finance and Development.</p>	

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Lorraine Wareing	Chair of Governors
<p>Lorraine is a former Governor of two other local schools and a former Chairperson of The Friends of Kirkham Grammar School. She is also a director of The Freckleton Charitable Trust, which was established after the Freckleton Air Disaster in 1944. This was set up to assist children and adults of the parish who request assistance in various projects.</p> <p>Lorraine is married with two children, both of whom have attended KGS and she is also a proud grandmother. She became a Governor of KGS in 2012 and was appointed as Chair of the Governors in November 2017. Lorraine serves on both the Pastoral and Academic Committee and the Commercial Committee.</p>	

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Abigail Shannahan	Chair of Pastoral and Academic Committee
<p>Abigail Danson was born in Bolton and completed her A Levels at Bolton School Girls' Division. She went on to university to gain a BA (Hons) in Business Economics at the University of Leeds and from there completed a PGCE in Business Education followed by an MA in Education at the University of Manchester.</p> <p>She has worked as an Economics and Business teacher at a Greater Manchester independent day school for the last 12 years, enjoying roles as Head of Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13, and Head of Economics, before becoming a member of the Senior School Management Team and Head of Sixth Form, alongside being a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of House.</p> <p>This year she has moved to a large state secondary school in Cumbria as Head of the Business and Economics Department and Assistant Head of Sixth Form. Abigail has also sat on the Governing Board of a North West day school for deaf children aged 4-16 for the last 3 years. At KGS Abigail is the Chair of the Pastoral and Academic Committee and is the Governor Representative for EYFS. Growing up on a farm Abigail enjoyed a successful career in the field of equestrianism, in particular in Show Jumping and Dressage, competing at a national level with her homebred and produced horses. She now has a son and in her spare time enjoys being a Mum, running, swimming and spending time outdoors in the Lancashire countryside with her family.</p> <p>Abigail has two nieces who attend KGS.</p>	

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E Jonathan Waite	Commercial Committee Health and Safety Representative CCF Compliance Advisor Governor Policy Review
<p>Jonathan Waite was born in Blackpool and followed a long family tradition of attending KGS before joining British Aerospace (now BAE Systems) as an undergraduate engineering apprentice. He gained a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lancaster University before returning to BAE Systems to begin a career in Project Management.</p> <p>Jonathan is currently the Project Management Functional Lead for BAE Systems' Shared Services Business Unit in Preston, responsible for the capability, development and training of the project management staff. Jonathan has spent 37 years working for BAE Systems in a number of engineering and project management roles and was appointed a Chartered Engineer in 1999. He spent 4 years based in Brussels working with both the European Commission and NATO.</p> <p>Outside of work, Jonathan is an amateur entomologist and a life-long photographer, frequently combining both interests in advanced macro photography.</p>	

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Mark Wheatley	Pastoral and Academic Committee
<p>Mark Wheatley boarded at KGS before taking a degree in History and Politics at Edinburgh University. After two years as a banker in London, Mark returned to Scotland in 1992 and moved into recruitment, with a focus on legal and professional services which remains his current focus - having recently set up his own firm.</p> <p>He is a Liveryman of the Drapers' Company, which has had a connection with Kirkham Grammar School since 1655. In 2013, Mark was elected as a local politician in the City of London and serves on several committees, chairing the Local Government Pension Board and Barbican Residential Committees. He has also served as a Trustee of charities including Challenger Trust, which he chaired in 2018.</p> <p>Mark is married with two children and lives in South East London. In his spare time Mark enjoys Freemasonry, running, reading, cinema and travel.</p>	

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Sean A Wilkinson	Commercial Committee
<p>Sean Wilkinson is an Old Boy of Kirkham Grammar School (1980-1987). After completing his A Levels he studied Hotel and Catering Management at Westminster Hotel School in London. He worked in London, Manchester and Windermere before being appointed as a Director in Guy's Eating Establishments Ltd in 2001.</p> <p>Sean is married with three children, all who attended KGS. His hobbies include travel, food and drink, history, music, theatre and all types of sport including shooting, dog training and fly-fishing. He is also a coach with Preston Grasshoppers RFUC. He is an active member of the Old Kirkhamians' Association committee and the local Cricket League committee.</p> <p>Sean joined Kirkham Grammar School Governing Body in 2012 and currently serves on the Commercial Committee. Boarding House and the Finance and Development Committees with a keen interest of driving forward the marketing of the school.</p>	