

## **Amanda Knight**

I have been a teacher at Crofton school for many years. My main teaching subject is mathematics. I have had the privilege of undertaking a number of roles during my time here. My main responsibilities in school are timetabling, cover and the curriculum especially alternative curriculum provision.



Being a governor is a chance to continue to support staff and help the school become even more successful in its role of educating students. As part of my role on the governing body I sit on the finance, curriculum, health and safety and standards committee.

## **Anne Robertson**

I joined the governing body as a parent governor when my daughter was a student at Crofton and am now a partnership governor, and vice-chair of the governing body.



I have been a member of a number of committees, and am currently chair of the Admissions committee, and a member of the Health and Safety committees and staffing committee. I am also the nominated Safeguarding governor, with specific responsibility for monitoring all procedures and processes that Crofton undertake to safeguard the students and in terms of recruiting new staff.

As a parent who was interested in ensuring that my child had the best possible experience of school life, I felt that the most effective way of achieving that was 'from the inside'; providing support for the school body to set and meet challenging goals.

I found the work very interesting and stayed on once my daughter left the school because it is important to me to contribute to my community and in this role I know I can make a tangible impact and because the school benefits from a mixture of old and new governing brains!

I am married to Graham, and work in Titchfield at the Office for National Statistics. I am a project manager, currently working on the Census. Outside of work my main interest is amateur dramatics where I design lighting and stage manage with three local groups.

**Dr. Bernard Curtis - Partnership Governor**

After crashing out of an ambition to be a pilot, I built up a career in civil engineering and arbitration, specialising in bridge building, tunnelling, dams and the contractual liabilities of undertaking them.

This devolved into lecturing, research and consultancy and administering professional examinations in project management.

Other interests include playing tennis and the tenor saxophone.



**Bryn Marshall**

I have been a teacher at Crofton School for three years now. I am currently a Head of Year and also a PE teacher.

Before joining Crofton I was a PE teacher at Brookfield School for three years.

I am a keen sportsman and have been lucky enough to help run a number of school teams and adventure trips abroad. I currently sit on the admissions and discipline committee.



**Diane Ormsby**

I am a parent governor and by no means an expert in education. In fact being a governor is proving to be an education for me.

I am a physiotherapist and have worked for the NHS for nearly 20 years, this gives me awareness of the changes that need to



constantly be implemented in a large public organisation.

I hope to offer a supportive yet analytical role to the team of Governors here at Crofton School. I really support it's ethos and inclusive nature.

I take a special interest in SEN and discipline. Soon I shall have two daughters here at the school and feel very privileged that they attend a school where there is cohesion and motivation to be nothing but the best. I hope to continue to support this as much as I can.

## **Geraint West**

I have been a Parent Governor since September 2010. I am married to Janet who is a primary school teacher and I have 3 sons, the youngest of whom is a student at Crofton; his elder brothers having also previously been students here.



I currently work for the Natural Environment Research Council at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton where I manage the Royal Research Ships as well as a fleet of unmanned submersibles and deep-sea technology. Within the local community, I am a member of Fareham Community Church, while I spend much of my spare time as a leader with the 2nd Stubbington Scouts.

As a Governor my aim is to put back something into Crofton following the benefits that my children have enjoyed over recent years. Being married to a teacher, I appreciate all aspects of the teacher/parent team, while as a former Royal Navy officer I also have an understanding of the particular issues of local service families. My current job in the public sector incorporates managing budgets and staff, as well as board-level responsibilities for health and safety, all of which equip me to support and challenge the school's leadership team. I feel particularly passionate about Crofton's vision as a Science College, and feel that working, as I do, in a science and technology organisation associated with higher education, that I have appropriate and relevant experience to support and strengthen this venture.

## **Gill Sommers**

I am currently a Partnership Governor at Crofton School. My 'day' job is Director of Faculty at Fareham College looking after various curriculum areas.



In a former life, I served 10 years in the West Midlands Police Force both in uniform and in the CID department before moving South to get married. I became involved in teaching in the late 1990's, working mainly with adult learners.

In 2003 I became the 14-16 Co-ordinator at Fareham College and had the privilege working with Year 10s and Year 11s from Fareham and Gosport schools. I have always enjoyed working with the splendid students from Crofton School. Over the years I have seen many young learners from Crofton School enjoying a vocational opportunity at the college.

I have a 15 year old daughter who keeps me up to date with what's happening out there 'on the streets' but who is highly embarrassed by me - I see this as my major role in life at the moment!

I am passionate about education and ensuring that every learner had a curriculum that is appropriate and personal to them. My position as a Crofton Governor has allowed me the opportunity of working with an excellent team of hardworking and committed teaching staff. The recent Ofsted inspection confirmed what we as Governors already knew - Crofton is a great school!

### **Ian Williamson**

I have been a Parent Governor since April 2010.

I am married to Thelma with two sons the oldest at University and the youngest in year 10 at Crofton.

I work for VT Flagship based at HMS Collingwood in Fareham as the Media Services Manager. Interests include sport, gardening and continuing to manage a large stamp collection that's been passed down through generations.

### **Mitzi Swanson**

I am a parent governor and moved to Stubbington eight years ago with my husband David, and our son and daughter, who are now in years 11 and 9 at Crofton School.



I work as an International Trade Adviser, helping companies in the healthcare industry to expand their businesses overseas, a position based on my medical degree from Manchester University, and many years spent working in China and Hong Kong. Through my work I have strong insight into working to help a wide range of people and businesses to maximise their potential and effectiveness. I feel that these skills enable me to contribute effectively as a Parent governor.

Interests and hobbies include travel, reading (I belong to a local reading group), walking our two dogs, and trampolining.

### **Paul Carpenter**

I am a parent governor. I have two children at Crofton. I am a member of a number of sub-committees including Curriculum, Discipline and Special Needs.

I look after my children at home as I have retired from work. Before retiring I was most recently an Education Officer and have worked with three local authorities specializing in Special Needs, Excluded Children, Attendance, Admissions and Personnel.

Before becoming an Education Officer I worked for a national research project on science education and before that I taught Science to secondary pupils.



## **Richard Lines**

I have been employed by Crofton school for the past 18 years and am currently the Schools Facilities Manager and am responsible for the provision of the school facilities.

I have qualified as a School Business Manager and am currently undertaking the Diploma of School Business Management.

I see being a governor is an opportunity to continue to support the school community and help the school to become even more successful in its role of educating students. As part of my role on the governing body I sit on the finance, health and safety and standards committee.

## **Sandie McIntosh**

My association with Crofton began in 1995 when the eldest of my three daughters started at the school. At this time I joined the PTA and I remained on the committee for nine years, until my youngest daughter left after her GCSEs.

I've lived in Stubbington for 27 years and I work as an ATA in one of the local Infant schools.



When I was invited to join the Governing body as a Community governor I was delighted to continue my contact with the school. I am currently serving on the Curriculum; Admissions and Standards and Achievements committees. I hope through my involvement I can help maintain the high standard of education that Crofton offers while furthering the links with the local community.

## **Vicki Edwards**

I became a Parent Governor in December 2010 and currently have two children at the school.

I am the School Business Manager at Crofton Anne Dale Infant School, where I am also a Staff Governor, and have worked within school administration for seven years.

I fully appreciate the importance that a good education has on the future of our children. As a governor I hope to support Crofton School as it continually strives to improve upon its current standards. I believe that my knowledge of educational finance will be particularly useful over the coming years and look forward to the challenges ahead.

### **Eric Yorke**

I have been a Parent Governor at Crofton since November 2007. Before that I served as a Governor at Crofton Hammond Infants for four years. I am married to Eve who is a Childminder, and have two children. Aaron, 18 who studied at Crofton and Katie 11 who will be a student in September. I work for NATS as an Air Traffic Specialist Engineer. This involves working shifts to support the equipment required to deliver the Air Traffic Service. The upside of this is that it affords me the time needed to carry out the various tasks of a School Governor.



It has been a long time since I was at school and felt out of touch with the current school system. I was very impressed with how the local schools helped my kids and decided being a Governor was a good way to give something back. During this period of great change I feel that with a few years' experience under my belt I am in a position to support and challenge the Senior Leadership Team