









## The Governors

	<p><b>Lindsay Dodsworth, Chair</b> Governor since Sept 2021</p> <p>Lindsay Dodsworth is a Non-Executive Director of an investment trust and a venture capital trust and a trustee of Goodenough College. She was formerly the Chair of a Family Office which she set up with the founders and oversaw the evolution of its business and charitable activities. She read music at Trinity Hall, Cambridge before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser with Price Waterhouse and then became an international tax partner at EY. Lindsay relaxes by playing the piano and Javanese gamelan music, singing in choirs and particularly loves walking the dog on a Norfolk beach. Lindsay is married to John Willis, founder and Chief Ambassador of Power2Inspire, and their two daughters are former pupils of the school.</p>
	<p><b>Paul Taylor, Vice-Chair</b> Governor since Nov 2017</p> <p>Mr Paul Taylor retired as Headmaster of Framlingham College in 2019, having joined in 2009 from The King's School, Canterbury, where he had been Lower Master (Deputy Head). Mr Taylor also worked for 13 years at Tonbridge School, where he taught History at all levels, was a boarding Housemaster, Director of Sport and Master i/c Cricket. Prior to his career in teaching, Mr Taylor played professional cricket (for Surrey CCC) and also worked for several years in the advertising industry. He is married to Amanda and they have four children.</p>
	<p><b>Patrick Blakesley KC</b> Governor since Sept 2018</p> <p>Mr Blakesley is a barrister and was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2018. He practises at Crown Office Chambers, where he specialises in catastrophic personal injury and fatal accident claims, product liability, and insurance. He read Classics at Balliol College, Oxford, before taking a law conversion course at City University and qualifying as a barrister in 1993.</p> <p>Mr Blakesley is married to Polly, Professor in Russian and European Art at Cambridge University, and their son and daughter are former pupils of the school.</p>
	<p><b>Gordon Cameron OBE</b> Governor since Sept 2022</p> <p>Gordon spent over 25 years as a CFO in the pharmaceutical/biotech industry, in both public and private equity-backed companies, before recently taking on several Chair/Non-Executive roles. He read Economics at St Andrews University, before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst &amp; Young. He then spent six years in investment banking, primarily with Rothschild, before moving into industry. He was awarded an OBE in 2004 for services to the British biotechnology industry in the US.</p> <p>Gordon lives near Cambridge with his wife, Rosie and they have four daughters, all of whom are former pupils of the school.</p>

	<p><b>Jonathan Cumming</b> Governor since Sept 2022</p> <p>Jonathan is currently Managing Director and CFO of Carbon13, a Cambridge based venture builder focused on the climate crisis. Previously he worked in Spain for approximately 20 years as the Chief Financial Officer of first a cable telecommunications business based in Madrid and then a global media business based in Barcelona, prior to which he worked in London for around 7 years in investment banking. He has also taught Economics and Business in a secondary school in the maintained sector at both GCSE and A level. He is a graduate of Cambridge University.</p> <p>A keen sportsman, Mr Cumming plays hockey for Cambridge City Hockey Club. He is married with three children.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Deborah Howard</b> Governor since Sept 2015</p> <p>Deborah Howard is Professor Emerita of Architectural History and Director of Research in the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art in the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of St John's College. Her principal research interests are the art and architecture of Venice and the Veneto; music and architecture in the Renaissance; and the relationship between Italy and the Eastern Mediterranean. She is a Fellow of the British Academy.</p> <p>Professor Howard and her husband, Malcolm Longair, have two grown-up children. She has previously been a governor of St Margaret's School in Edinburgh and the Perse School for Girls (now the Stephen Perse Foundation) in Cambridge.</p>
	<p><b>Darren Jordan</b> Governor since Sept 2022</p> <p>Darren Jordan has worked in finance and operations within the private equity industry since 2000, and is a partner at a London-based investment manager. He read History at Emmanuel College, Cambridge before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers working in London and Sydney. Darren lives in Suffolk and is married to Saskia, with whom he has two grown-up children.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Tuomas Knowles</b> Governor since June 2024</p> <p>Tuomas is the 1920 Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of St John's College. His research interests are focused on biomolecular interactions in health and disease. Tuomas is married to Susanne, and they have four children.</p>



**Henry Price – Governor for Safeguarding**

Governor since Dec 2022

Henry has worked in independent education for the last 25 years and is currently Headmaster at Oakham School. A member of the Boarding Schools Association, Executive Committee and the HMC Communications Committee, Henry has a broad experience of the sector. Before moving to Oakham, he was Headmaster of Wellington School in Somerset, a Prep and Senior School of over 800 pupils. He has also worked at Rugby School, where he was a Housemaster and Head of Classics, as well as Sherborne School and Sydney Grammar School. He is an advocate of a rounded education and fulfilled many roles in the academic, pastoral and co-curricular parts of school life during his career. Henry is married to Mary and they have four children.



**Elizabeth (Libby) Searle**

Governor since Sep 2023

Libby Searle has been Deputy Head Pastoral, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Boarding Lead and Teacher of Philosophy, Ethics and History at Stamford Endowed Schools since September 2020. Prior to this Libby worked at New Hall School from 2006 in various posts, most recently as Director of Boarding, Teacher of Theology and Designated Safeguarding Lead from 2010-2019. A graduate of Anglia Ruskin University (BA History) and Buckingham University (PGCE), Libby also holds a professional qualification in Boarding Management from Roehampton.



**Dipika Shah**

Governor since Sept 2022

Dipika Shah is a member of the Executive at The Takeover Panel which is the regulatory body that oversees acquisitions of companies in the UK, Channel Islands, Jersey and Guernsey. She qualified as a Pharmacist from Bath University and then a Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand, before commencing a career in Corporate Finance with Kleinwort Benson and Merrill Lynch.

Dipika is married to Mohamed Vora and they have two children.



**Stephen Taylor**

Governor since June 2024

Stephen is Bursar of Uppingham School, a large independent boarding school in Rutland. He has held the post since 2002 during which he has worked for three Headmasters and three Chairs of Trustees and overseen a major building programme. Before that he ran businesses in the UK, Africa and USA in the food manufacturing, leisure, gem-mining and jewellery industries either on behalf of others or on his own account.

He read History and Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG. He is also a Trustee of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust, and his two teenage boys are currently at Uppingham School.

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*All Governors have responsibility for the whole school, including the Early Years Foundation Stage.*