

Collis Governors Profiles



Michael Bailey – Co-opted governor

Originally from Lancashire, I relocated to the local area in 2015. I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of Roehampton Students' Union, a not-for-profit organisation supporting students studying at the University of Roehampton. I believe that education can have a transformational impact on individuals and have spent the past decade in higher education working across governance, marketing, communications, IT, and strategic planning to ensure that students have the best opportunity to be successful during their time at University.

With two young children under five, and given my career in higher education, becoming a school governor was the next logical step for me and I was delighted to join the board in 2022. I'm incredibly proud to be Chair of Governors at Collis alongside being a member of the Curriculum Committee. I look forward to using my skills and experience to benefit the local community and contribute to this thriving school by ensuring all students have the opportunity to reach their potential.



Alison Beardon – Co-opted governor

I joined Collis as a governor in summer 2022.

I have lived and worked in the local area since 1985 and have been a parent, teaching assistant and teacher at local schools. I believe schools are at the heart of the community. It is important to have high aspirations for all children and to support them to reach their full potential. Collis is a wonderful community school, which strives to meet the needs of all children.

I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the children, staff and wider community.



Trent Bulgin

I'm originally from Australia and have been in the UK for twenty years and Teddington for four years. I have a son at Collis and have previously been a governor at a school in SE London.

I work in financial services with a focus on supporting growth companies with scaling their risk and compliance functions as they transition from start-ups. My focus is on supporting them and building reliant functions that can grow with the business.



Tom Dawson – Co-opted governor

I am Tom Dawson; I am a year 6 teacher and the Year 6 year group leader at Collis. I have been teaching here for 5 years now. I joined the board of governors in June 2022. I like to think of myself as a bit of a comic in the classroom, but I am sure the children that I teach will say otherwise.

Outside of school, I enjoy staying occupied with sport, most specifically going on runs. I also enjoy socialising with friends and going out for nice meals.



Graham Hogben - Co-opted governor

I've lived in London since coming here after University. My professional background is as a Chartered Accountant and in my career I've worked in a range of roles within international banks.

I'm a strong believer in the importance of education in enabling children to fulfil their potential. I currently act as a volunteer Maths teacher with an educational charity and have become a governor at Collis to help the leadership team continue to develop the school.

I have a teenage daughter currently studying for A levels. I'm a keen sports fan and particularly enjoy playing cricket and watching rugby, as well as listening to music and singing in a local choir.



Johanna Kitson – Co-opted governor

I have recently returned to live in the borough following 11 years overseas. I am a SEND teacher and assessor and have worked with multilingual children for many years. Prior to that I worked in Commissioning for Ealing Heath Authority, Strategy and Planning for the Hammersmith Hospital and originally in the Department of Health after training as a nurse and health visitor.

I have two children who attended junior school in Twickenham before moving to Switzerland with us. They are now both working in London.

In my spare time I love to play netball and badminton and am delighted to join the governing board of Collis.

Katie Lawrence – Staff governor



I am a nursery nurse and joined Collis Nursery in 2017.

I have lived in Teddington for 35 years and have three children, all of them attended Collis Primary school.

I became a staff governor in 2022.



Donna Littman – Parent governor

I have lived and worked in Teddington for over 20 years. My two children attend Collis Primary School, Freddie is in year 5 and Tilly is in year 4.

Outside of Collis I am a sales board Director for Dexters Estate Agents.

Like all parents I take an active interest in my children's education and it is a privilege to be a parent Governor at Collis.



Hannah Mackenzie – Local Authority governor

I grew up in South West London and, after some years away to study and work, I now live locally and teach History at a secondary school in London. I'm pleased to join Collis as a Safeguarding Link governor and sit on the Curriculum Committee. In my spare time, I enjoy travel, the cinema and ballroom dancing.



Penny Madoc-Jones – Co-opted governor

I have lived in Teddington for nearly 30 years and have been a governor at Collis for over 20 years. I first became a governor when my 2 children were at Collis. They both have happy memories of their time at Collis. I have been through 3 successful Ofsted inspections and 2 rebuilds during my tenure!

I taught French and German in local secondary schools before moving to work in teacher training. I now work as senior lecturer in modern foreign languages at St Mary's University, training primary school teachers of the future.

I am a member of the Resources committee and the HR working group, with a particular interest in supporting recruitment of staff.



Helen Samuel – Parent governor

I have lived in Teddington since 2008, and all three of my children have attended Collis Primary School. My youngest child is still there, and she enjoys it as much as the older two did. The local community is fortunate to have such a fantastic local school, and I enjoy being an active part of the Collis community. Having been involved with the CSA for many years, I was keen to continue to support the school in a different way, and I was elected parent governor in Summer 2021. I am currently the Vice-Chair, a Safeguarding link governor and sit on the Curriculum Committee. I am also a Parent Fund Trustee. My day job is an in-house employment lawyer for a well known bank, and in my spare time I enjoy theatre, music (I sing in a local choir) and travel.



Oliver Tucker – Co-opted governor

I have grown up and lived in South West London all my life and have three daughters who are at school in the area.

I have worked in investment banking for over 20 years, advising boards and management teams on strategy, corporate transactions and financing.

Outside of work, I love playing and watching sport, act as a taxi service for my kids, and travel as much as possible. I am passionate about SEND provision because one of my daughters is dyslexic.

I have been a Governor at Collis since May 2022, am on the Resources Committee and the HR working group, and I am very keen to help what is an already fantastic school.



Amy Vogel – Co-opted governor

I've worked in the education sector for 15 years, most recently at a local funding charity where I oversee education grants to individuals, schools and voluntary sector organisations. I'm committed to using my skills and experience to benefit our local community and I'm thrilled to be working with the talented Collis team to maintain high standards for all its children and staff.

I grew up in Teddington and returned here with my husband to raise our three children. Our daughter is thriving at Collis and is well-set to move to Teddington School in September. Our two sons are already grown-up and working in the borough. We live together in an active household with our lovely ginger cat, Tommy.