

## **Governor Biographies updated September 2021**

### **Sarah Beeching**

As a Tiffin Girls' alumna (1981-88), I am proud to be a member of The Tiffin Girls' School Board of Governors. I studied Economics at university completing an MSc at University of London. My first career was in Government where I spent 15 years working for the Department for International Development and Cabinet Office, specialising in international development. Since 2011, I have run my own social enterprise focusing on political negotiations and campaigns around girls' education, health and other social issues. I am a member of the Fellowship Council for the Royal Society of Arts focusing on Fair Education.

### **Kate Bevan**

I had a very happy seven years at Tiffin Girls' from 1992-1999 and am so pleased to now have the opportunity to give back to the school that gave me so much: a fantastic education, high aspirations and friends for life. After Tiffin Girls', I read History at Exeter University and then gained my PGCE from Cambridge University. I started teaching in a junior school in Twickenham and completed an MA in education at St Mary's University. My teaching career has been varied thus far, working as a Year 2 and 3 form teacher and then a specialist history teacher in Key Stages 2 and 3. For three years I was Director of Studies at Danes Hill School in Oxshott, overseeing a wide-ranging curriculum for pupils aged 3 to 13. I was then Head of Istock Place Prep School, before taking a year out to explore other opportunities and interests in the field of education. In September 2021 I took up the post of Head of Junior School at Notting Hill and Ealing High School GDST.

### **Lucy Boiling**

I am Head of PE at The Tiffin Girls' School and I am delighted to be appointed as a Staff Governor. I completed my undergraduate degree in Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Science at the University of Birmingham before going onto complete a PGDipEd in Secondary PE and a Masters in Teaching Studies. As I embark on my seventh year at TTGS, I am able to draw upon a number of challenges that have arisen during my teaching career (including completing the SSAT Leadership Course and working on developing a programme of leadership for our students) and act as a proactive member of the Governing Board. Outside of school, I play rugby at level 3 of the women's game and have just started competing in open water swimming races. I look forward to this new and exciting challenge.

### **Shelley Frost**

I am a Chartered Surveyor and Head of Corporate Solutions EMEA at Cumming Group, a global project and cost management company, leading their work with corporate occupiers of property. Previously I worked at Mace, the construction company and as an International Director at JLL for 14 years. I am looking forward to continuing to bring my Chartered Surveying experience to bear on the various property projects and developments that the school has planned. I am the product of a selective education having attended a girls' state grammar school in Buckinghamshire. My successful career in property has been as a result of the achievements there. I also previously served as a Governor at Kingston College and have served on the Global Board of our industry association, CoreNet, the London Council of the CBI, and the fundraising committee of the charity LandAid which seeks to end youth homelessness.

### **Claire Haynes**

I am delighted to have been appointed as a Governor for The Tiffin Girls' School. I have three daughters in secondary education locally, have been a primary school governor for nine years and am an HR Director for a London based consultancy, so feel I have plenty of broad experience to bring to the role. I'm a champion of young talent in the workplace, particularly women so feel privileged to play a part in contributing to Tiffin girls being successful during their time at the school and setting them up for life beyond.

### **Ikra Khan**

Having attended The Tiffin Girls' School (1996-2003), I am delighted to have been elected as parent governor and join the board once again. Following on from my time at Tiffin Girls', I completed a MEng in Computing at Imperial College London and subsequently worked at Goldman Sachs in the Technology division. In 2013, I took a career break to expand my family and joined The Tiffin Girls' School Governing Board as a Community Governor. Whilst raising my four children, I ran a local playgroup in the area, became an Assistant Section Leader for 9th Southside J4Y Scout Group and took on the parent governor role at Gatton Primary School in Tooting. I am passionate about giving back to the local community and I hope that my insights as both a former pupil and in my governor roles will stand me in good stead to bring about positive changes to the school.

### **Cate Molden**

A quarter of a century has passed between my leaving Tiffin Girls' and my daughter starting there. This time has been productively filled by gaining a History degree at Oxford, a career in the City as a banker, strategist and consultant, and over a decade of school governor experience in both primary and secondary sectors. I have no doubt, as a late transfer in to the school (Year 9), that I owe the first two to the school, with the third being driven by a desire to give others the options that were afforded to me. It is a privilege to be able to deploy my skills to help address the challenges the school now faces and give the girls opportunities to thrive.

### **Alison Shakespeare**

I graduated in French from University College, London and then completed a PGCE at the Institute of Education. Since then I have worked in secondary education for over thirty years, holding a range of leadership positions including Head of Languages, Assistant Principal and, most recently, Vice Principal of Heathside School in Weybridge. I now work for TeachFirst as a Teacher Educator with responsibility for training teachers to work in schools facing the greatest challenges. I work with a number of local schools supporting the development of teachers and school leaders and also deliver conferences on the TeachFirst programme. Outside work I am passionate about dance and musical theatre. I also play the piano. One of my two children attends Tiffin Girls' and I have experienced first-hand all of the wonderful opportunities the school provides both inside and beyond the classroom. I am delighted to have been appointed as a Governor and hope to use my experience in education to support the school's continued outstanding success.

### **Hamish Stewart**

My wife and I live in North Kingston with our two children. Since moving to the area, I have wanted to use my experience in financial management to help the local community. I trained as a Chartered Accountant within both Audit and Transaction Services at PwC, before working for the finance teams of large corporate groups. Over the last seven years I have managed large, long-term outsourcing contacts for both local and central government across a range of different governance structures. I am delighted to have this opportunity to use my experience and contribute to the continuing success of The Tiffin Girls' School.

### **Matt Toolan**

I am an Aeronautical Engineer by training, gaining a MEng at Imperial College, London. I graduated in 1996 and began a career in banking, specialising in Project Finance. I have played leading roles in projects that resulted in the construction and / or refurbishment of more than 25 secondary schools. I am currently involved in the financing of a large number of renewable energy projects. I am the father of two daughters, both of whom attend The Tiffin Girls' School; one in Year 12, the other in Year 9. I have been a Parent Governor at their primary school for nearly eight years, and I am delighted to have been elected by the other parents to continue in a similar role at TTGS. My knowledge of contracts, finance and school governorship experience will hopefully be of use to the Governing Board, and I look forward to helping in any way that I can.

**Sthen Wiseman**

For the last twenty years I have had the privilege of teaching young people in a range of state, international and independent schools. Having read History at Manchester University, I completed my PGCE at Cambridge University and later an MA in History education at the Open University. Currently I teach History and am the Head of PSHE at King's College School, Wimbledon, an independent selective school. Previously I have held a variety of academic and pastoral roles in the state sector, including being Head of History at a girls' comprehensive in Hammersmith. I also spent several years teaching abroad in America and Sri Lanka. Enabling young people to develop the emotional resilience to thrive is a passion of mine and I am fortunate to be a trustee for stem4, an excellent teenage mental health charity. I am a mother to two girls, one of whom will be moving into Year 8 at this school. It is an honour to be able to contribute to the Tiffin community and I am fully committed to promoting and supporting a holistic education that combines academic rigor with the school's core ethos and values.