







<p>ASHLEY ALMEIDA (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hi I'm Ashley and I joined Hotham as a co-opted governor in March 2021 having moved to Putney in 2015.</p> <p>I've always worked in education in some form having taught English abroad for a few years and have worked in cultural education for nearly a decade, previously for the National Trust and most recently for an archaeological unit delivering school sessions to KS2 on a variety of topics. I currently work at the British Museum where I run a programme working with young adults to create events.</p> <p>I'm passionate that children are given the support they need to do their best and succeed, and are given a variety of opportunities that help them learn and find what they enjoy in education and am really pleased with what I've seen of the offer at Hotham for cultural provision.</p>
<p>SARAH BELLIS (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>My name is Sarah Bellis. I was co-opted into the Governing Body in January 2018. I have lived in Putney for over ten years and have a daughter who after attending a local primary school in East Putney is now in Year 9 at Ashcroft.</p> <p>I have always worked in the Energy Industry both in the UK and Europe and after recently taking some time off I am working as a consultant whilst also pursuing other interests such as ESG, the delivery of careers advice in schools and mentoring.</p> <p>I grew up in rural North Wales surrounded by a large extended family. I have always loved learning and with a daughter moving through the education system, I see the importance of a good quality education and giving children confidence in all subjects. I am on the Children, Families and Community sub-committee and am the governor tag for Pupil Premium and Data.</p>





<p>RHIDIAN BOOBIER (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hi I'm Rhidian Boobier, I joined Hotham Primary School as a Co-opted Governor in March 2021. I lived on the other side of the Thames in Fulham for 4 years but have recently moved to Southfields. I have always had an interest in education, my mother was a Primary School Teacher and my father held various governance positions including Chair at both my Primary and Secondary schools whilst I have previously spent time teaching English abroad.</p> <p>In my day job I work for Deliveroo and I previously spent 6 years working for Heathrow Airport. At University I studied French and Italian, Hotham's French provision for its children is one of the factors that attracted me to the school. I was fortunate enough to have great experiences, both academically and extra-curricular growing up in Cardiff. It is for this reason I want to ensure that the children of today have access to the same opportunities. I am delighted to be part of the Governing body and I hope that my professional experiences will enable me to make a positive contribution as a Governor.</p>
<p>ROBERTA GAMBA (PARENT GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hello, I am Roberta Gamba. I joined as a Parent Governor in February 2022 and I am currently part of the Children, Families and Community Committee. I live in Putney with my daughter, who is currently in Year 5 at Hotham Primary School. I have a particular interest in education, which I believe is at the heart of achieving the best version of ourselves. I am a true believer that a good education is never wasted and I want to be able to say that I helped making sure our children receive that. My daughter is autistic, so I have a particular interest in making sure special-need children receive the support they need to achieve their full potential.</p> <p>I was born in Italy and lived there for 25 years, before moving to New York in 1998 and then London in 2006 (you do the math of how old I am!). I studied in Italy and in the U.S.A. and I have a Ph.D. in Computation Methods Applied to Finance. In my day job, I manage multi-asset class portfolios at BlackRock servicing family offices, charities, endowments and foundations. I am also involved with a charity called Pilotlight, supporting other charities in their strategic and development needs. In my spare time, I like to walk, cook and spend time with my daughter.</p>





<p>TAMSIN HELLIER HOUGH (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>I joined the Governing Body in November 2015 and currently sit on the Children, Families and Community Committee. I was a Hotham parent up until 2017 and am glad to still be involved supporting the school deliver its vision for every child to aspire and succeed. With specialist interests in personal development, PSHE, SEND, inclusion and the creative arts I hope to support development.</p> <p>I have lived in Putney for over 10 years with my two children and work locally as a gardener. As a trained professional dancer, I like to keep active, and you can find me ballroom dancing or enjoying Pilates and Tai Chi. Other interests include teaching Sunday school, being involved in a local support group helping others with alopecia, and the performing arts, regularly attending the theatre with my daughter, but also sometimes performing as an 'extra' on television. You can also find me on the side of the football or rugby field supporting my son's dreams to be a professional sportsman.</p>
<p>GILES JIGGENS (PARENT GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>My name is Giles Jiggins and I have 2 children at Hotham, beginning our association with the school in 2018. I have lived in London all my life, in Putney for 10 years and we chose to send our children to the inclusive community school that Hotham is. As a family we enjoy bike rides on Wimbledon Common or in Richmond Park and like many parents of primary school children, we spend plenty of time juggling extra-curricular children's clubs, sports lessons and activities. My mother was a teacher in London schools throughout her entire career and was also a school Governor allowing me a good insight into the responsibilities of these roles. Claire continues to help the PTA where she can and becoming a Parent Governor is my way of supporting the school wherever I can moving forwards. Most of my working life has been spent in the public sector gaining skills and experience that I hope can allow me to help Hotham in line with the school values and vision.</p>





<p>JAMES MA (PARENT GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hi, I'm James Ma, a parent governor since Jan 2023. I have two daughters both of whom are / will be attending Hotham from Nursery onwards. I'm delighted to be contributing to the governing body at Hotham and creating a fantastic school community.</p> <p>Professionally I currently work at Google, leading a team of Technical Account Managers helping large organisations across Europe be successful on Google Cloud. I was formerly a Management Consultant at Deloitte and graduated from Bristol University with a first class degree in Spanish and Italian. I'm also currently studying for an Executive Postgraduate degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Oxford, Saïd Business School.</p> <p>Outside of work, I love spending time with the family outdoors and also often participate in triathlons, cycle and running events</p>
<p>JANE MITCHELL (CHAIR & LA GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hello my name is Jane Mitchell and I am currently the Chair of the Governing Body here at Hotham. I have a lifelong association with local schools. I grew up in Putney and attended schools here. After obtaining degrees in Economics and Social Policy and Planning, I qualified as a teacher and have taught in three Wandsworth schools. I have also been a member of a Local Children's Centre Advisory Board. I regard it as a privilege to be a governor and to share in ensuring that Hotham does its best for the whole school community, including pupils, staff and parents.</p>



<p>AISLING O'KANE (ASSOCIATE GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hello, I'm Aisling O'Kane, I joined Hotham Primary School as an Associated Governor in January 2023 and sit on the Planning and Resources Committee. I have two sons, one moving into Year 1 and the other joining the nursery class in September 2023. I have lived in Putney for the last 11 years and I am delighted to have my children enrolled at Hotham.</p> <p>Professionally, I am a qualified Town Planner and a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. I am Head of Planning for an international developer. Informally, I provide Hotham Primary School with specialist planning advice and recently assisted in navigating the planning system for applications for and impacting the school.</p> <p>I am passionate about both human and physical geography, and I am delighted to see Hotham place such focus on all aspects of such a wonderful subject. Outside of work, I love getting back to Cork, Ireland where our family is based and travelling to places I haven't been before.</p>
<p>KHUSROO DASTUR (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>I am Khushroo Dastur and delighted to join as a Governor at Hotham. My connection to Hotham runs deeper as my son goes there.</p> <p>In my professional life, I have spent over two decades as an Actuary within the insurance industry, consulting on numerous transformative change management projects. I also have an MBA in Finance which helps with making financial and strategic decisions.</p> <p>Outside of work I have been residing in Putney for over 12 years and volunteer my time on the Board of the Residential Estate I live in. I also dedicate my time being a Governor at the Wandsworth Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools, where I have had the privilege of being Chair of the Resources and Finance Committee for several years.</p> <p>I am hoping to work closely with the other governors, leadership team, parents and the local community to uphold and further Hotham's mission and help shape a bright and confident future for our students.</p>



<p>MATT SAICH (CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>Hi, I'm Matt Saich and I've been a governor at Hotham since early 2015. Until recently I was a parent governor, and I am now co-opted onto the governing body. I have two sons, the younger of which is now in Year 6 and both he and his older brother have had a wonderful time at the school.</p> <p>For the last 4 or 5 years I have been the Chair of the Planning and Resources Committee. This is a sub-group of the governing body that largely focuses on the quality, quantity and suitability of the school's assets; such as our great and dedicated staff, our impressive school building and playground, and our plentiful IT equipment. We are also responsible for overseeing and supporting the senior management team in the financial and budgetary decisions the school takes. Being an accountant and my experience of running my own business certainly helps in this role, though the scope and scale of school activity never fails to amaze me.</p> <p>Outside of school and work my passion is sport, and I am the link governor for PE. I'm so impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication to sport/PE across our staff and I'm super excited about the new sports pitch.</p>
<p>EMMA SAVAGE (STAFF GOVERNOR)</p>		<p>I was pleased to be voted in as the staff representative for the Hotham Governing Body. I share the school's vision for the pupils and have always believed in educating the whole child. I am passionate about the school and am in my third year as a TLA here.</p> <p>I also bring experience and knowledge from different child care settings. Prior to this I ran my own Ofsted registered child minding business, worked in Southmead School for eight years and more recently at Putney wraparound and holiday club.</p> <p>I am currently in my second year of studies for a foundation degree in Education and Learning. On completion of my third year I hope to have the opportunity to further train at Hotham where I enjoy really good relationships with both the children and adults.</p>



COLIN WHEELER
(CO-OPTED GOVERNOR)



Hello! I'm Colin Wheeler, a local resident living near the school, co-opted to the Board of Governors in June 2017 and joining the Planning and Resources Committee.

Outside of my school activities, I am Managing Director of a market research business in Teddington, and have worked across the research, analytics and insight sector for over 20 years – in client, agency and independent consultant roles. I also sit on the board of an international trade organisation promoting the need for effective measurement and evaluation of communications for all organisations, including government, NGO, NFP and commercial businesses. Clients I have worked with during my career have included commercial and philanthropic organisations that invest in and support educational initiatives. This has given me an insight into the role of education in all lives; it is the platform for every child's success, whatever the circumstances and needs. I'm proud to have a role to play in the great work undertaken at Hotham.