

The Sixth Form College Farnborough

Meet our Governors

Helen Manning (Chair of Governors)

Governor since 2019

Helen Manning is a Maths graduate of The University of Bath. She joined the Sixth Form College Farnborough LGB early in 2019, having been appointed as a parent governor. Helen was previously a school governor for Tomlinscote School for four years as Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee and SEND governor. Helen is keen to ensure the LGB holds the College leadership to account and to help the College maintain their "Outstanding" status.

In the past, Helen has worked for Nokia and the defence industry, where she was a software architect. Now she works for the Citizens Advice Bureau helping people who are in debt and/or on benefits. Helen is married to Tim, and they have three children (two have previously attended the College), the youngest started College in September 2022.

Rachel Holmes (Vice Chair)

Governor since 2019

Rachel was first appointed to what was the Academic Quality Council and is now the Local Governing Body, in January 2019. Her eldest daughter was at the College from 2017-2019. For the last 25 years Rachel has run a consultancy business specialising in personal, team and leadership development, within the private and public sectors. Rachel provides 1-1 executive coaching (often around a change of career or position) and programmes designed to help teams work together more effectively. Currently, much of Rachel's work is in the Higher Education Sector with universities across the UK. Clients include senior academics and professional services staff whose role it is to ensure the quality of the student experience, both from a teaching and an extracurricular perspective. Rachel is particularly interested in how the College can best support students to make the right choices for their futures, whether this is university, an apprenticeship or work, and thoroughly enjoys her time on the LGB, focussing particularly on leadership and pastoral matters. She has served as Vice Chair for 4 years, and has just been appointed to a further term.

Victoria Keitel (Staff Governor)

Governor since 2025

Victoria has been working in education since 2012. She worked in primary and secondary schools before joining The Sixth Form College Farnborough in 2018 as a History and Politics teacher. She was appointed the Curriculum Manager of Politics in 2023 and elected as a staff governor in 2025. Victoria is interested in how to improve pedagogy, student outcomes, and pay/workload.

Victoria is a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles (BA History and Anthropology) and the University of Reading (MA Archaeology, Distinction). Her main interest is the politicisation of the past. Before her career in education, she worked as an archaeologist in Pompeii, Italy, and also worked in retail management.

Ciaran Osgerby (Parent Governor)

Governor since 2025

Link Governor for Disadvantaged

Ciaran was appointed to the LGB as a parent governor in March 2025 and his daughter is due to complete her studies with SFCF in 2026.

He has had a varied career, initially in the legal profession, then as an army officer and he also worked in executive search leading a team covering Hedge Funds and Asset Management clients in London. He has also been a tutor with Surrey Adult Learning and an assessor for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

He has been actively involved in his spare time in youth work and mentoring where he has tried to use his skills and experience to try and help young people to conquer their challenges, fulfil their full potential and gain confidence.

He is married to Julia and they have one daughter, Alexandra.

Ross Sarginson (Staff Governor)

Governor since 2025

Ross joined The Sixth Form College Farnborough in 2008 and became part of the LGB in 2025 as a Staff Governor, bringing more than a decade of senior experience in pastoral leadership, safeguarding, curriculum quality and governance. He currently serves as Pastoral Lead at the College, where he oversees cross-college pastoral provision, leads a large staff team and works closely with senior leaders to align pastoral and academic strategy. His role includes senior responsibility for safeguarding, behaviour, UCAS and parental engagement, alongside contributing to self assessment and Quality Improvement Planning.

Alongside his leadership responsibilities, Ross continues to teach Media and Film Studies and has extensive experience in external assessment as Principal Examiner for GCE AS Media Studies with WJEC/EDUQAS.

He is committed to the LGB's role in holding the Academy Principal to account, monitoring performance and safeguarding, and ensuring the College continues to uphold the mission and ethos of the Trust while delivering an exceptional learner experience.

Greg Thornton

Governor since 2021

Link Governor for Careers & Work Experience

Greg has always been a keen advocate for training and promoting young people at the start of their careers to help them to achieve their goals. After a career in IT, Greg is used to reviewing projects, programmes and ongoing operations to evaluate their outcomes, strengths, threats and weaknesses. He has worked with stakeholders at all levels in organisations on identifying and implementing corrective and preventive action plans. Now retired, Greg feels that now is the time to "give back" and to bring his skills and experience to the community to help enable today's students to achieve their potential.

Kirstie van Oerle

Governor since 2022

Link Governor for SEND

Kirstie studied law at Nottingham Trent University and spent over twenty-five years in various leadership roles in technology and blue-chip companies. Having sat on a number of Boards involved with encouraging diversity and inclusion in the workplace, Kirstie has experience of the barriers that can exist for young people entering the world of work. She is passionate about the education and development of young people and believes the schooling environment is critical to the health and wellbeing of young people. Inclusivity is of the utmost importance to Kirstie, who offers a different view and perspective on College life.