

Chiltern Hills Academy

Governor Profiles

Chandra Adams

Chandra Adams is a local resident, who became a governor at Chiltern Hills in July 2014. Previously she had been a governor at a local primary school for eight years as well as Chairperson of Northend Playgroup. Prior to having her three children, she graduated with a degree in Chemistry and Biological Sciences and worked in the media and Public Relations industry. Chandra has a child at Chiltern Hills Academy. She is working at Chesham Grammar School.

Steven Adams

Steven works for the London Fire Brigade and is Chief of Staff for the National Fire Chiefs Council. For both organisations, Steven manages policy and change programmes, supporting the fire and resilience sector to engage with government. Before working in the emergency services, Steven was a director with a local publishing company. He has been a governor of a number of local schools, and of the Chiltern Hills Academy (and its predecessor school) since 2005.

Andrew Brown

Andrew has been a governor at Chiltern Hills and the predecessor school since 2006 and was Chairman in 2011 leading up to the transition to Academy status. He has been Chairman of the Academy Governing Body since 2012. Previously he was a governor of a local primary school. Andrew's degree is in Computer Science, and initially he worked in the design and development of computer systems mainly for the banking industry. Andrew changed in the mid-90s to marketing, but still in the software industry and he has undertaken a wide range of business marketing roles. Until his retirement in December 2018 he was Marketing Director for the payments business within NCR.

Nick Brown

Nick Brown, a qualified chartered accountant, is a Diocesan-appointed governor at Chiltern Hills since May 2019. Nick and his family have lived opposite the school since 2007, moving to Chesham after many years living and working abroad in Russia, Turkey, Central Asia and Nigeria. Nick graduated in Russian at the University of London, became a chartered accountant in the UK before joining Ernst & Young's fledgling Moscow practice in 1992. More recently he worked for The Coca-Cola Company and Xerox. Leaving the commercial world after thirty years, Nick joined the Royal Air Force Museum in 2019 where he works as Head of Finance. Nick is an active member of St. Mary's Church, currently serving as a Deputy Warden and also on the District Church Council. He is also Treasurer (and plays the occasional game) for Chesham Rugby Club, which is based at CHA.

Agnes Fletcher

Agnes joined the governing board in 2022. She works as an advisor, consultant and trainer on equality, diversity and inclusion across sectors – from football, transport, retail and property to social care, health and higher education. From 2016 to 2020, she was a community governor at Great Missenden Primary School. She has also been a trustee of four charities (two focussed on disability; one on advocacy, advice and information for NHS patients; and one promoting participation in the arts). Agnes is the parent of a Year 7 student.

Philip Garner

Philip has been Research Professor in Education in three universities in England; he was previously a teacher/headteacher for 18 years. Currently he is CEO/Research Director at Talent4Transition, and also a Visiting Professor. Philip has spent a lifetime in professional education, and has undertaken

research/consultancy activity for the DfE, Home Office and local authorities in England and Wales, as well as internationally (for governments in Australia, Barbados, Bhutan, Bulgaria, China, FYR Macedonia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Muscat & Oman and Sierra Leone), as well as for UNICEF and SightSavers International. He received a British Academy Fellowship scholarship for his research on the education of hospital children with renal failure and is the author of over 20 books and over 150 articles or monographs relating to the education of children with special educational needs. Philip is a member of the DfE Senco Advisory Group and is an Expert Evaluator for both the European Research Agency (REA) and the European Audiovisual Cultural & Education Agency. He is a keen rock climber and over the years has contributed to first ascents in the UK and also to climbing guidebooks. He lives near Chorleywood.

Graham Hull

Graham has been a governor at Chiltern Hills and the predecessor school since 2009 and currently is Vice Chairman having previously chaired the Finance Committee and the Marketing Committee. His background is in business and process improvement and organisational excellence and holds a Diploma with the Institute of Management Services. Around 18 years ago he set up his own management consultancy specialising in business performance improvement and excellence, the application of standards such as the ISO management systems and business continuity and risk management. Graham is one of only 3 EFQM (European Foundation for Quality Management) Ambassadors in the UK and he is passionate about quality and the customer experience in any walk of life. Graham has worked for public sector, not for profit organisations and private sector businesses in the UK, Europe, Middle East and Asia.

Caroline Mastrorilli

Caroline has lived in Chesham for over 22 years and her 3 children are all being educated in local schools. For the last 10 years Caroline has worked in primary education in the local area. She has been a parent governor at Chiltern Hills Academy since 2017. Caroline has spent a lot of her career in the events industry organising B2B exhibitions, conferences and medical events around the world. Caroline has volunteered in many community activities such as the Chesham Carnival, Backpackers and for local football teams.

Hannah Rayner

Hannah is Curriculum Leader for Philosophy, Religion and Ethics and will be entering her seventh year at CHA in September 2023. She is a thoroughly diligent and conscientious member of staff and has a good relationship with everyone here. She likes to see the bigger picture and has volunteered as Staff Governor as she looks forward to gaining insight into the governance of CHA from a broader level, whilst also contributing what she can from a staff perspective. Hannah is also responsible for the Life Skills Programme at CHA which gives her the opportunity to work with all form tutors throughout the school as well as external agencies, which has its challenges but is thoroughly rewarding.

Rebecca Rochon

Rebecca has lived in Bucks for a number of years, and worked for Buckinghamshire New University for over ten years. She is a Senior Lecturer in Education and works primarily supporting the professional development of academic staff as teachers, as well as being involved in the development and delivery of CPD courses for local teachers. Outside of work, Rebecca is currently undertaking doctoral studies and enjoys spending time with family, being outdoors or undertaking DIY (with varying levels of success).

Kate Shaw

Kate Shaw graduated with a degree in Business Studies and is CIPD qualified. She has worked in the HR field for over 20 years and currently works for Pladis (previously United Biscuits Ltd) where she is HR Director for the UK & ROI. She is a local resident of Chesham, and became a Governor at Chiltern Hills Academy in January 2016. Previously she was a governor at Newtown School for 5 years. Kate has a child in Year 8 at CHA and 2 further children at a local feeder school.

Martin Sims

Martin moved to Chesham in 1990 from West London. With a BA in History and subsequently an MBA in International Business from City University Business School, Martin managed SME businesses in the international advertising and marketing services fields for many years before departing the commercial world and opting, in 2006, for the “calmer” world of education. He was school bursar/business manager as well as Clerk to the Governors at 2 schools for 15+ years until his retirement from full time employment in December 2021.

Martin is an active member of St Mary’s Church, Chesham and a past organiser of the Backpackers Summer Holiday Club. He is married and has two adult daughters.

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