



Governor Biographies

Sarah Beeching

As a Tiffin Girls' alumna (1981-88), I was delighted to join the Board of Governors in 2017 and take on the Chair role in 2022. The school gave me so much and it is an honour to be able to give back. I am an economist by profession having gained an MSc in Economics from University of London. My first career was in Government where I spent 15 years working for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and Cabinet Office. In 2011 I founded Oshun Partnership, a social enterprise focusing on policy and political negotiations, campaign management and the delivery of high level political summits. My focus is tackling issues in some of the world's most challenging places, focusing particularly on girls' education, health and climate justice. I am fortunate to have travelled the world for work and pleasure. I am a Fellow and Advisory Board member for The RSA, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a member of WHO Technical Advisory Committees for urban malaria and rabies. I am also mum to a son and daughter who I'm proud to say have fully adopted their mother's spirit of adventure.

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 Ibstock 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.

Zak Farooqi

I am a Chartered Accountant by trade having completed my ACA (ICAEW) qualification back in 2009 before moving from Audit (practice) and in to industry based roles. I have since been employed by renewable energy companies and worked in many different finance roles as I have progressed and this has given me great exposure and breadth of knowledge in my field, furthermore I currently work as Head of Finance at one of the largest renewable energy providers in Europe. I have a daughter at the school who has been part of the 2023 intake and am hoping to use my financial and business experience to help support the governing board to create the best educational environment possible for its students and maintain its continued success.

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 have three daughters in secondary education / university, and have been a school governor for over 12 years and am passionate about supporting girls and young women to fulfil their potential. I have 25 years experience in business and 15 years in HR so see the value of a great and broad education in what it brings to the workplace. I'm a champion of young talent in business, 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.

Angus Meryon

I studied the clarinet with Colin Bradbury and Richard Hosford at the Royal College of Music and have since forged a varied career as an educator, soloist, chamber musician and conductor. I made my solo London debut at the Purcell Room in 2002 and perform regularly with the Prague-based Martinů Quartet during their UK and European tours, appearing with them on BBC Radio 3 as part of the "In Tune" series of lecture recitals. I am currently Director of Music at The Tiffin Girls' School and a Trustee of the St Endellion Festival. I am also an examiner for the ABRSM and a prolific orchestrator and arranger, with my work having been performed on BBC television and radio and at the Proms.

Cate Molden

A quarter of a century has passed between my leaving Tiffin 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 students opportunities to thrive.

Daniela Perazzo

I have worked in Higher Education for the past 15 years, currently as Senior Lecturer in Dance Studies and Postgraduate Research Coordinator for the School of Arts at Kingston University. After completing my secondary school and undergraduate studies in classics and liberal arts in Italy, I moved to the UK for my postgraduate studies in theatre and dance studies with an MA from Goldsmiths College, University of London and a PhD from the University of Surrey. My role as educator, doctoral supervisor and research lead centres around a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. In particular, I am a member of Kingston School of Art's EDI in Research working group and co-chair of the Athena Swan charter for gender equality. I am also a committee member of the Performing Arts Community Engagement research group and of the faculty research ethics committee. I have undertaken and delivered training in anti-racist pedagogy, the decolonised and inclusive curriculum and socially-just research. I am delighted to be able to bring this expertise to the Board of Governors of The Tiffin Girls' School, where my younger daughter is currently in year 9.

Nisha Rabheru

I am a mum of two, my eldest is currently at the University of York studying Economics, she attended KGS prior to this. My youngest is currently at Tiffin Girls School, just starting her GCSE journey. I have had decades of experience in Human Resources as a HR Generalist and Head of Resourcing, in various organisations from Childcare to FMCG and Airlines. I am passionate about community and wellbeing and looking forward to supporting Tiffin Girls School now that I have a bit more time. I have a Degree in History and a Masters in Human Resource Management and I still love academics and learning! I enjoy reading, walking and just peaceful pursuits such as coffee with friends, crochet, yoga (occasionally) and gardening, which could place me in the category of introvert (or boring). In terms of Insights personality type - I am blue/red which means I like structure and organisation and can be directive at times. I aspire to be a minimalist, and yet I am that person lingering in the Lidl middle aisle picking up bits that I definitely need to buy. I am scared of thunder and lightning, AI and old age. For me the best things in life are family, stationary and the wonderful every day to quote Ikea!

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. As a former Tiffin Girls' parent, 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.

Sobia Shamim

I am a Chartered Certified Accountant and a commercial and international finance director with over 25 years' experience within global blue-chip organisations in the corporate sector. In addition, I currently serve as Board trustee of We Are Family, a charitable organisation providing independent support for parents throughout their adoption journey and have previously served as a Governor at The Global Academy, a UTC specialising in the creative media industry. I am delighted to have been appointed as a Governor and as a resident of North Kingston, I hope to use my experience in finance to help the local community and support the school's continued outstanding success.

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, one is currently in Year 11 at The Tiffin Girls' School and one is a recent alumna of TTGS. 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 girl's 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 9 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 rigour with the school's core ethos and values.