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ANNA McCORMACK

As Chair of Governors, Anna McCormack plays a key role in shaping the future of St George!

Before joining us in 2017, she spent seven years as a governor at St Swithun Wells, making a seamless transition from primary to secondary education. Anna is a parishioner of St Swithun Wells Parish, Eastleigh.

Anna is deeply involved in school life, serving on the Steering Group, Curriculum Committee, Finance & Resources Committee, Pay Committee, and Admissions Committee. As Link Governor for Leadership and Management, she works closely with Mr. Habberley and the leadership team to drive excellence across the school.

Anna's career was in the Supermarket industry, where she was a project and change manager at the London Head Office.

Thank you, Anna, for your dedication and leadership!



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ROGER PELOW

Did you know that our incredible Vice-Chair of Governors, Roger Peplow, has been serving St George for 30 years?

As Local Authority Governor, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and Link Governor for Quality of Education, Curriculum, and Attendance, Roger plays a vital role in shaping the learning experience for every student. He also supports key decisions on school policies as part of the Steering Group, Pay Committee, and Discipline Appeals Committee and is the link governor for Attendance.

Roger's career was in the Aerospace Industry, where he was a Commercial Manager.

His dedication and expertise help ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. If you see Roger around school, give him a big St George thank you!



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NICK GUYER

Meet Nick Guyer, one of our dedicated Vice-Chairs of Governors.

Since joining St George as a Foundation Governor in 2019, Nick has played a key role in ensuring the school's financial strength and resources are managed effectively.

As Chair of the Finance & Resources Committee and a member of the Steering Group, Discipline Committee, and Pay Appeals Committee, Nick helps shape the strategic direction of the school

Beyond governance, Nick is a keen musician and part of the music group at St Edmund's Catholic Church in Southampton—a true supporter of both education and the arts.

Nick had a long career as a financial systems designer and implementer, managing multinational teams in process change programmes.

Thank you, Nick, for your dedication to St George!



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FR ANTHONY CHIATU

Fr Anthony Chiatu is both a Foundation Governor and our Priest Governor, serving the St George Catholic College community through his ministry as parish priest at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Portswood—our school's parish church.

Originally from the Diocese of Bamenda, our sister diocese in Cameroon, Fr. Anthony brings valuable experience from his time as a head teacher of a secondary school there. His passion for education continues here in Southampton, where he is currently studying for a postgraduate qualification in Special Educational Needs at the University of Southampton.

Fr Anthony's family has strong links to the local Catholic community. His brother, Emmanuel, serves as a deacon at St Edward's Church in Chandler's Ford, and his nephew is a student in Year 8 at St George's—giving Fr Anthony both a pastoral and personal connection to our College.

We're grateful for Fr Anthony's spiritual guidance, international perspective, and deep commitment to the development of all our students.



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RICHARD AVERY

Richard knows St George Catholic College well as he is a former pupil, having attended when it was an all-boys' school in the 1980s. His daughters are also former pupils of the college.

Professionally, Richard worked in Germany, London and Southampton, teaching Business English and English as a Foreign Language. He led seminars on English pronunciation, working internationally, and international culture for the Marcus Evans Group.

Richard is a Foundation Governor, the Link Governor for Careers and the Personal Development Link Governor. He sits on the Catholic Life Group, the Curriculum Committee, the Admissions Committee, and is part of the Discipline Appeals Committee.

In his spare time, Richard enjoys having the occasional flying lesson at Blackbushe Airport, practising his flying skills on his flight simulator, and writing apps for computers.

Feel free to say 'hello' and talk to him if you see him at the school.

Thank you, Richard, for your dedication to St George Catholic College!



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LORRAINE SWANN

Lorraine is one of our Foundation governors appointed by the Bishop to ensure the clarity of the Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction.

She serves on Curriculum Committee and Finance & Resources Committee and is the link governor for Health & Safety and Sustainability.

Outside of governance, Lorraine helps run the First Holy Communion programme at Southampton City Centre Catholic Parish and is on the Baptism team too. She enjoys reading and welcoming at 10am mass at St Joseph's on Sundays.

Lorraine has had a long career teaching English to speakers of other languages, working in Russia, Italy and UK.



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MIKE WOOD

Mike is one of our newest members of the governing board starting as a Foundation Governor in January 2025. He is our SEN Link Governor.

He comes with 37 years of teaching experience, working in education as a Geography teacher; Head of department; leader of gifted students and examiner.

He is a member of St Boniface Catholic Church in Southampton and at present is Chair of the PPC as well as helping run the music ministry within the church.

He has strong connections with St Georges Catholic college. His son attended St Georges and also worked here. Two of his daughters have also worked at the college whilst his wife was a governor in the past.

We are excited to see how Mike can support the governing body in the years to come.



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BERNADETTE HOLLOWAY

Bernadette Holloway is one of the newest Foundation Governors having joined the Governing Body in March 2025.

Bernadette is the Safeguarding Link Governor and is also a member of the Catholic Life Group and the Finance and Admissions Committees.

Bernadette is a retired solicitor having worked for the Crown Prosecution Service for 29 years. Her son Nolan attended St George and she has very fond memories of his time at the College.

Bernadette is looking forward to supporting the College and making a positive impact in trying to ensure St George is the best it can be.



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STEPHEN FENN

Stephen has been a governor at St George since April 2021, following 6 years as a governor at St Swithun Wells Primary. He became Parent Governor in 2024.

As Chair of Admissions he supports the governing body in performing its statutory duties as the Admission Authority for St George. Stephen serves on the Finance & Resources Committee and is the link governor for IT.

Stephen has had a long career in the NHS and has worked in Winchester since 2010, combining clinical care, project management and a deep interest in IT.



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OLIVER COPPLESTONE

Oliver Coplestone was elected Staff Governor at St George in 2026 and plays an active role in the school's development through his work on the Curriculum Committee and the Policy Working Group.

Oliver is a Teacher of Physical Education and has taught across the KS3 core curriculum, as well as both Examination PE and Sport courses at KS4. Alongside his teaching responsibilities, he serves as one of the school's Progress Leaders and has previously supported year groups throughout their KS4 journey and GCSE studies. More recently, he has led the Year 7 cohorts, helping students make a successful transition from primary school into the St George family.

In addition to his teaching and leadership roles, Oliver has been committed to providing enriching experiences beyond the curriculum that promote positive relationships and values among students, staff, and the wider community. Examples of this work include leading the Active Travel Ambassador Scheme, organising Fantasy Football Leaderboards, and supporting the implementation of the Bikeability programme. These initiatives have helped to encourage student engagement, personal development, and a stronger sense of community across the school.



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ANTOINE HAUGUEL

Antoine Hauguel joined the Governing Body in 2025 as a Parent Governor. Originally from Normandy, France, Antoine has lived and worked across Europe, and Asia, and calls Southampton home since 2018.

His multicultural journey has shaped a deep appreciation for diversity, inclusion, and community—values he is passionate about bringing into the life of the school.

As a father of four, with two children currently attending St George, one more on his way and one starting his A-levels, Antoine is deeply invested in the school's mission and future. He is committed to supporting a nurturing, values-led environment where every student can thrive.

Professionally, Antoine leads global teams and oversees strategic transformation initiatives across multiple continents. His work involves managing complex investment portfolios, driving operational efficiency, and fostering leadership development in dynamic, multicultural environments. He brings a thoughtful, analytical approach and a collaborative mindset to every challenge.

Antoine serves on the Finance & Resources Committee and the Admissions Committee. He enjoys cooking with his family, exploring local history, and cheering on his children at school events.



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KATE PARADINE

Kate Paradine is a parishioner of St Swithun Wells Parish, Eastleigh, and her son and daughter went to school at St. George's. Kate is an Associate Member, serves on the Curriculum Committee and is Link Governor for Equality.

Kate is currently CEO of the national oracy charity, Voice 21, which works with schools to make sure that oracy education (speaking, listening and communication) is threaded through school life. Kate has worked in the criminal justice sector in National Police Training and as CEO of the charity Women in Prison. She is passionate about the power of education to change lives and create a fairer world. Kate is forever grateful for the start in life that being part of the St George's community has given her own children.



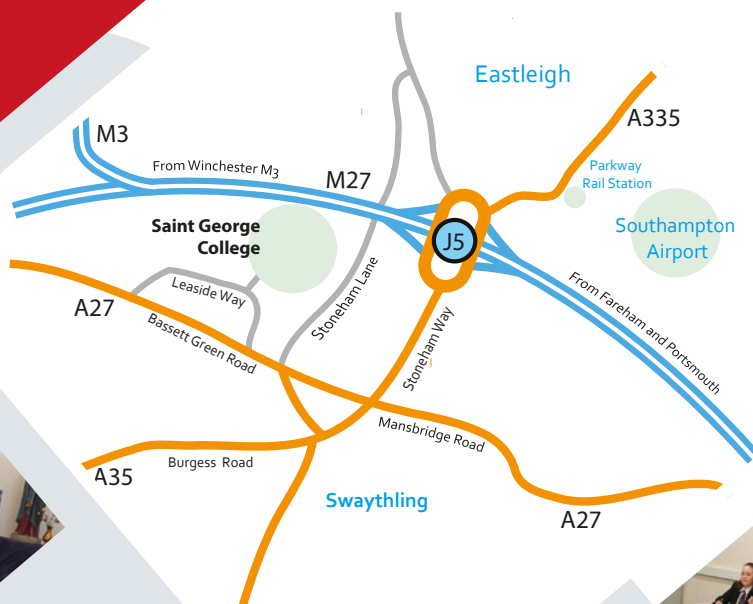
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JEANINE BONAVIA

Jeanine Bonavia is a parishioner of St Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Park Gate.

Her two sons, now in their twenties, attended St George.

Jeanine became Governance Professional in October 2015 and in May 2018 also took on the role of PA to the Headteacher. Jeanine's role also includes staff recruitment and she is the development training governor lead.



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