

# Members of the Governing Body of The Norwood School | October 2023



**Nicole Akong**  
Parent Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Resources (Chair)**

Nicole is a fashion and jewellery designer, influential sewist, and passionate advocate for fashion sustainability. She left a corporate Marketing career in the City to set up her own jewellery business in 2010 and now works full time as a freelance sewist and social media content creator.

Nicole was elected a Parent Governor in December 2022.



**Stephen Cooper**  
Co-opted Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Resources**
- **Pay**

Stephen has a background in Industrial Relations. His current role involves advising a range of public sector employers on the resource implications for the workforce, as well as influencing policy on workforce related policy and guidance.



**Edward Davie**  
Parent Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**
- **Wellbeing (Chair)**

Ed works for a research charity, Centre for Mental Health, trying to ensure that more people enjoy good mental health regardless of their background. He was a Lambeth Councillor for 12 years including being Cabinet Member for Children and Young People for the last two years of his term up until May 2022. He is a father of three children, one of whom is in Year 10 at Norwood.

Ed was elected a Parent Governor in December 2022.



**Russell Hunter**  
Co-opted Governor,  
Chair of Governors

Committee  
Membership:

- **Resources**
- **Wellbeing**
- **Pay (Chair)**

Russell is a solicitor and Head of Compliance at media business Clear Channel International, responsible for anti-corruption, compliance, sustainability and governance issues. He was previously senior in-house counsel at BT, and worked for a city law firm in London and Brussels.

Russell has been Chair of Governors since September 2021.



**Izabela Luczak**  
Parent Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**
- **Wellbeing**

Izabela qualified as a Textile artist from Central Saint Martins and continued with a PGCE in Design and Technology. She has worked in mainstream and private schools and eventually became a qualified Teacher of the Deaf, completing her Master's in Education in 2007.

Izabela is Head of Department at Oak Lodge School. She has extensive experience in teaching Deaf pupils and others with language challenges. She is passionate, creative and loves teaching. She is very interested in project-based learning, enterprise and providing equal opportunities to all young people to foster their interests and talents. As part of her management role in the school she oversees the extensive Teaching Assistant team and has worked on curriculum planning across the different subjects.

Izabela was elected a Parent Governor in December 2022



**Rosalind Millam**  
Co-opted Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**
- **Wellbeing**

Rosalind has a degree in Psychology and Combined Studies, a master's degree in Psychology of Education and qualifications in management and training. She has worked as a university lecturer and currently works as a freelance trainer and consultant. Rosalind became a governor as she believes that all children have the right to a high-quality education, and we all have a responsibility to support children and schools to achieve this.



**Natasha Preville**  
Co-opted Governor,  
Vice-Chair of  
Governors

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**
- **Wellbeing**
- **Pay**

Natasha has over 25 years cross-sector experience, with over a decade in senior management within the Screen industries; having worked on numerous award-winning campaigns for the BBC and Red Bee Media. Natasha is an advocate and mentor for young people, whilst passionate about eradicating barriers to entry for storytellers and young audiences. Natasha is part of the TIME'S UP UK movement, working across all sectors to amplify equitable access to opportunity and greater diverse representation in front of and behind the camera.

During her career, Natasha has remained a keen champion for the transcending role education, sport and culture play in transforming lives. To this end, Natasha founded a Consultancy, dedicated to increasing the experience, visibility and tangible career pathways for young people to thrive within the culture, media and sport industries. Natasha currently acts as Chair for the Association of Panel Members; Independent Director for the National Governing Body for Parkour UK and is a proud Parent Governor and Vice Chair at Cranmer Primary School.



**Sharyln Ritchie**  
Staff Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**
- **Wellbeing**

Sharlyn was elected as Staff Governor in January 2023.

Prior to embarking on her teaching career, Sharlyn had careers in both recruitment and Law, and although successful in both, she had always had a desire to work with children. After completing her PGCE Sharlyn came to Norwood, and is currently Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Vocational Coordinator. Outside of Norwood, She is a parent to a teenage daughter. Her role as a mother provides her with an understanding of what a parent desires from an educational institution, especially one in Inner London.

Sharlyn passionately believes that the wellbeing of a child is fundamental when encouraging attainment both academically and socially and is committed to doing everything she can to make sure her students become well-rounded, empathetic, and an inclusive citizens of the global community.



**Dr Carrie Ross**  
Co-opted Governor

Committee  
Membership:

- **Achievement**

Carrie became a Governor since July 2021, inspired by the school's tremendous response to Covid testing.

Carrie has a background in General Practice and was a Croydon GP for 8 years before moving into a CAMHs role in South West London. She is passionate about Young People's mental health and wellness, and shares the vision for creating Mentally Healthy Schools. She has a diploma in Coaching and Mentoring with a particular interest in coaching Healthcare Professionals. Carrie is the link governor for Safeguarding and Looked-After Children.

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