



Tomlinscote School

Meet our Governors

Hedvig Schmidt-Moutsatsos (Chair of Governors)

Governor since 2022

Hedvig is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Southampton, teaching undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students as well as fulfilling the role of Exams Officer for the Law School. This career path has led to an insight into what is required and expected from young people post GCSE and A level. Having also been a governor at a local primary school, Hedvig has experience of earlier Key Stages. Hedvig has three children, one at Tomlinscote and two who are schooled locally.

Preeya Beczek (Parent Governor)

Governor since 2023

Link Governor for Careers & Work Experience

Preeya joined the LGB as a Parent Councillor in 2023. Her focus is on ensuring that students receive an outstanding and supportive education and that they enjoy their time at school. She will be looking at the curriculum and ensuring that the vision, core values and strategic aims are implemented at Tomlinscote with the student as the central focus.

As a regulatory and compliance expert, Preeya has spent more than 25 years working in the life sciences industry and has set up her own consulting firm. She has two children, both at Tomlinscote. Preeya is an active member of the school community supporting careers talks for students looking at careers in STEM and the pharmaceutical industry.

Cyndee Cochrane

Governor since 2024

Link Governor for SEND

Cyndee joined the LGB as a Parent Councillor in 2024. She has one child at Tomlinscote. Coming from a legal and medical background, she is au fait with policies and the implementation thereof.



Her passion is children with special educational needs and how best to support the children in the face of ongoing educational reforms. She also has a strong interest in the development and success of the School.

Chris Jefferson

Governor since 2024

Link Governor for Disadvantaged & Pupil Premium

Chris has enjoyed a varied career, ranging from performing in two West End Musicals, spending 12 years at sea travelling the world as an Entertainment Director and now a Company Owner / Director operating Family Entertainment Centres. Chris has been married for 20 years to Emily and they have 3 daughters, with the eldest currently at Tomlinscote and the younger two following behind over the next few years.

Matthew Simmonds

Governor since 2022

Link Governor for Behaviours & Attitudes and Equality & Diversity

As well as working as a Captain for British Airways, Matthew is an active member of the local community and volunteered throughout the pandemic. His job and volunteering roles means he has great experience in effective team working, situation management and problem-solving and believes in the importance of developing these skills in our young people. Matthew has two children at Tomlinscote and has a strong interest in the development and success of the School.

Louise Grainger

Governor since 2025

Link Governor for Personal Development

Louise lives locally and grew up in Surrey. She is very keen on helping the community and has an interest in social mobility and helping young people from underprivileged backgrounds. Working in the pharmaceutical industry in a variety of roles for many years, currently in Commercial Operations for Roche.



One of Louise's proudest achievements was single-handedly starting and completing a campaign for a pelican crossing outside Ravenscote Junior School. It took the entire duration of time that her children attended the school, but it was very much worth the effort as it will keep hundreds of children safe for many years to come!

Louise also has experience navigating the local council care system and, until recently, has been a carer for her mother, who has Alzheimer's.

Louise spearheaded the new Uniform Station initiative at Tomlinscote and, so far, it's been a big success, the third 'shop' opening being held at the end of June 2025.

In 2023, Louise stood in the local borough council elections, gaining almost 650 votes! Louise has been married to Gerald for nearly 30 years. They have two teenage sons at Tomlinscote, one about to leave year 11 and the other in year 9.

Oli Taylor

Governor since 2025

Link Governor for Teaching & Learning

Oli grew up in South London and joined the LGB in 2025. He is Director of Teaching & Learning at The Sixth Form College Farnborough, a role he has held since September 2024. Oli began his career in education in 2017 through the Teach First training programme in London. Prior to joining Farnborough, he held academic and pastoral leadership roles as an Assistant Principal and Head of Department in 11-18 Ark academies across South and East London, and also trained teachers with Teach First across the South of England.

Oli holds various postgraduate and undergraduate degrees in Educational Leadership and History from UCL, the Institute of Education, and the University of Edinburgh. An experienced senior leader, he is motivated by social justice, ending educational inequality and improving the life chances of all young people. He believes education is a vehicle for building a fairer society and better lives for all.

Gilbert Ansa-Otu

Governor since 2025

Link Governor for Safeguarding



Awaiting bio.

Louise Radley (Staff Governor)

Governor since 2024

Awaiting bio.

Rebecca Savochkin (Staff Governor)

Governor since 2023

Awaiting bio.