Governor Profiles

H Downe House

SALLY MCNAIR SCOTT Chair of Governors Development Committee – Chair Governor since 2022 Parent at DH	Sally is the Global General Counsel for Control Risks and is the director and corporate secretary of their Main Board as well as chairing their Risk Committee and sitting on the Executive Committee and Ethics Committee. She heads their Legal, Risk & Compliance team and is responsible for overseeing Control Risks' worldwide legal affairs including corporate matters, access to information, privacy, records management, intellectual property and disputes.
VERYAN EXELBY (Richards) Vice Chair of Governors Safeguarding - Chair Governor since 2014 Past Parent at DH	Veryan is a solicitor with Farrer & Co, specialising in Safeguarding. Governor at St Paul's School and trustee of the Nicola Benedetti Foundation
FRU HAZLITT Governor since 2008 Past Pupil at DH Past Parent at DH	Fru is the Founder and CEO of La Piazza SRL and Chair of DH School and a Trustee of Merlin Magic Wand. She has held senior executive positions across the UK's media & technology industries including managing director of commercial, online, and interactive at ITVPIc, Chief Executive at GCap Media PLC, Chief Exec at Virgin Radio and MD of Yahoo UK. She is also former independent director at Merlin Entertainments PLC and Betfair PLC.
MARK RIDLEY Estates – Chair Governor since 2016 Past Parent at DH	Mark is Chartered Surveyor of 30 years experience working as a partner in a small practice focussing on central London.
JOE SMITH Education – Chair Governor since 2017	Joe is the Head of St Benedict's School, Ealing – a coeducational day school - and was previously the Head Master at The Oratory School. He is also Governor of the Berkhampsted Schools Group.

ELIZABETH CLARKE Governor since 2018	Elizabeth has over 20 years of external relations experience in the independent sector in the UK and globally including in the corporate space. She is Founder and CEO of EJC Education Consultancy a specialist practice offering families advice on school choice and university preparation, largely but not exclusively for the USA. EJC also supports schools globally with their university and college provision. Elizabeth is a Governor of Whitgift School, an HMC school near London, has been a Governor of an HMC/ IAPS co-educational boarding and day school and supports the Friends of Sussex Hospices.
TIM BOUCHER <i>F&GP – Chair</i> Governor since 2019 Parent at DH	Tim is a UK based chartered accountant and senior finance executive at FTSE100 listed Smiths Group plc. He is also Trustee of Sentebale, a UK based charity working in southern Africa to support children living with, and at risk of, HIV.
CAROLINE ROSS Governor since 2022	Caroline is an experienced HR professional with a focus on innovation and technology, and a deep understanding of colleagues and culture. She is currently Chief People Officer of FTSE 100 company, Flutter Entertainment Plc, and also holds non-executive positions on the boards of Moat Housing Association and Studio Retail Group. Caroline previously held director level positions with Channel 4, Moneysupermarket.com Group plc, Shine Ltd, News International Newspapers Ltd, and Talkback Thames.
NICK WOODS Governor since 2022	Nick is Director of Finance and Operations at Oxford High School (independent day school with 880 girls). He is a Chartered Accountant and has worked as a Finance Director in various sectors including construction, transport, publishing and corporate travel, and was a Governor at Pangbourne College for five years, where he chaired the Finance Committee.
WILLIAM LANDALE Governor since 2024 Past Parent at DH	After a career in the Far East with Jardine Matheson and a decade running various entrepreneurial ventures back in the UK, William is currently a Director of the Harrow Development Trust, Harrow School's fundraising arm, and the Harrow Association, Harrow's alumni network.



THEO WILLIAMS Governor since 2024 Past Parent at DH	Theo is a Chartered Surveyor and enjoyed over 33 years with Savills (UK) Ltd in London Head Office. He specialised in the commercial property markets, providing lease consultancy and asset management advice to institutional investors, property companies and corporate occupiers.
SARAH COILEY Governor since 2024 Parent at DH	Sarah is a chartered accountant and has spent most of her career working with private equity backed businesses. She is currently CFO at Group GTI - a company which supports students with career guidance, skills and roles, helps employers reach and hire, and enables universities to deliver world class careers and student services.
MICHAEL BRENNAN Governor since 2024 Parent at DH	Michael is a Co-Founder and current Chief Strategy and Financial Officer of BenevolentAl, a leader in the application of Al in drug discovery and development to find new cures for disease. He previously spent 15 years in investment banking in Equity Capital Markets, before switching careers into biotech. Michael has other Board interests in the application of Al in defence and intelligence and in making micro loans available within Africa. Michael's mother was a teacher and then Headmistress who started and built a school business in the Middle East; Michael was on the Board before the business was sold.

OVERSEAS SPECIAL ADVISOR

OMO AKEJU

OSA since 2024

Parent at DH



Omo has been a GP for over 20 years. She has an MBA in International Business and is a Fellow of the Arizona Centre for Integrative Medicine. She has a deep interest in the Functional, Integrative and Holistic approach to the health of individuals. She is very passionate about supporting people to achieve the highest possible form of physical, mental and social wellbeing. Omo is married with 3 daughters.

