

## KCC Local Governing Body



### **Jeremy Fothergill** (Chair)

Formerly a Commercial Director with an international Defence and Aerospace Company, in 2004 Jeremy retired early and moved permanently to a small farm near East Allington, having enjoyed holiday homes in Salcombe and Thurlestone for the previous 38 years.

Jeremy has been a Governor at KCC for 13 years, since his daughter was in Year 8, and it provides an intellectual diversion from cutting grass, hedges and repairing fences. He is a founding member of Education South West and is keen to share their successful experience more widely. Recognising both the privileges and challenges of living in the South Hams, Jeremy wants to ensure our young people have the opportunity to compete on the world stage and is keen to share his experience of managing businesses around the UK and overseas to contribute to meeting this challenge.



### **Steve Tucker** (Vice Chair)

Steve runs a farm in East Prawle and is the sixth generation of a local farming family whose history in the parish dates back to 1720. He was educated at Stokenham Primary school, Kingsbridge Comprehensive and Bicton College. With five children, five of whom have passed through KCC and one who is currently attending, Steve has been a valued member of the KCC Governing Body since 2003. Steve has a deep-rooted interest in the local community and the wellbeing of education in South Devon.



### **Sally Hurst** (Safeguarding)

Sally has lived in Kingsbridge for nearly 20 years, and has five children, four of whom attended KCC. Sally set up and ran The Old Bag Company, her own successful business from 2002 until 2014. She was a trustee of The Community Council of Devon for 5 years and set up a local group for women in 2007 called 'Women in Business'; she has also mentored women in Devon wanting to start up their own business. Sally has been a Governor at KCC for the past 5 years; she works alongside the Student Support team on Safeguarding and interacts with students from Years 7 to 11 to find out their views on all aspects of school life, as well as working alongside the Head of Sixth Form in a supporting capacity. Sally is proud to be a Governor at KCC and enjoys her role enormously. She cares very much about the welfare of the students and teachers and contributes to help the school maintain its 'Outstanding' status that its pupils and staff truly deserve.



### **Juliette Jackson**

Juliette was awarded her Doctorate after a seven year investigation on the environmental design of coastal defences. She has worked as a professional scientist on many projects at the University of Plymouth relating to marine biology, ecology, coastal geomorphology and renewable energy. She is the founder of the community interest company SEADREAM: Science and Engineering Around Devon, Research, Education And More!

Juliette and her husband Mike have two children, one at KCC and one at Aveton Gifford primary school. As a family they designed and built their modern eco home – from a drinking water storage tank. Juliette enjoys sailing their yacht (also called Seadream) around the South West, the Scillies and France.



### **Liz Matthews** (Safeguarding)

Liz works for an accounts team at a local hotel in Salcombe. She has had links with the area for 28 years, and has lived in the South Hams for the past 14 years. Liz has two children who both studied at KCC from Year 7 to Sixth Form. She was previously a Governor at East Allington Primary School for 5 years and has also been a Governor on the Board for Education South West. She therefore brings a wide variety of experience from both primary and secondary. Liz has been a Governor for KCC for the past 7 years.

As a Governor at KCC, Liz works closely with the Senior Safeguarding Lead, analysing the school's safeguarding provision, and has frequent meetings with students from Years 7 to 11, to discuss various topics. She also has regular meetings with the Head of Sixth Form to support that end of the college, incorporating meetings with the students in the Sixth Form to keep abreast of any issues that concern them. Liz is kept well informed through these communications, enabling her to produce reports for all Governors, to discuss at meetings.



### **Freya Morrissey** (Staff Governor)

Freya teaches English and is Assistant Director of Sixth Form at KCC, and is an Evidence Leader in Education (ELE) for Kingsbridge Research School. She previously worked for Cambridge University, encouraging and supporting students from state schools and under-represented backgrounds to apply to the most academically competitive universities.



### **Karen Sewell** (SEND)

After graduating, Karen spent 10 years in a commercial environment as a Human Resources Manager for a retail company. A career change brought her into education. Karen is a qualified teacher with experience of middle and senior management; she is also a qualified Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). While employed at KCC, Karen was staff governor for three years. She retired from full time employment in August 2017 and now works part time undertaking an assortment of tasks in the SEND field as a Senior Leader of Education for the South West Teaching School Alliance and for Education South West and Babcock International. Karen has recently returned to school governance as SEND Governor at KCC where she hopes to continue to make a contribution to the success of our school community.



### **Chris Wotton**

Chris was formerly a Captain in 29 Commando, being part of 3 Commando Brigade and is now a company director of three companies, dealing with shipping containers, storage and investment. Chris is an active member of the Great Britain British Ski and Snowboard Committee and at present he is a GB Team selector. He is also a supportive member of several sports within the community. Chris was educated at KCC and has four children: two have already been through KCC and two are still attending. Chris is passionate about contributing to all children that live in our community.

### **Helen Johnson**

Helen has lived in the South Hams since 2007, having previously spent lovely holidays in the area. Helen works in Plymouth and is based at Devonport Royal Dockyard working within the Marine Division, with responsibility for Financial Accounting, Taxation, Treasury and Compliance. Helen is also a Trustee Director for the Company Pension Scheme.

Helen has two children who attend Kingsbridge Community College and is very proud of the school and the opportunity that she has to support it as a Parent Governor. She also supports STEM activities in the workplace, encouraging young people to follow careers in engineering and technology. Helen enjoys spending her spare time with her family and various animals they have. She also enjoys spending time with friends and supporting the community as Treasurer on a local committee. “

### **Pete Burner**

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