

Alleyne's – Governors

Susan Crookshank : Susan was a pupil at Alleynes and joined the governing body as a parent governor when her pupils were at the school. She has twenty years of school governance within Stone many of them as chair of governors. She has been chair of Governors at Alleyne's since 2019 Susan's background is in computing, business consultancy and property and has been running her own business for thirty years.

Sam Evans : With ten years of experience in relationship management, fundraising, and alumni engagement, Sam is the Senior Development and Alumni Relations Officer at Staffordshire University, where she assist in organising, planning, and implementing strategy, monitoring income generation and resource costs, and establishing and monitoring priorities. She is passionate about building and maintaining strong relationships with key University stakeholders, including alumni and friends, and driving University advocacy and philanthropy through various forms of fundraising, such as legacies, scholarships, trust and information services. With this in mind that she joined the Board of Governors for Alleyne's and is the link governor for careers and the 6th Form.

Stephanie Haig - Stephanie joined the governors as the parent of a pupil at Alleynes in 2022, with another younger child accessing local school facilities also. She has worked for over 20 years as an occupational therapist for the NHS, specialising my career working in mental health provision and neurodiversity. She am the link governor for SEND and PSHE wellbeing.

Simon Johnson : Simon has been a parent governor at several Stone schools for the past 12 years (with 5 at Alleyne's), whilst his children have worked their way through the three school system (which he is an advocate of). Previously a co-opted governor, Simon is now a member appointed governor. He has worked for over twenty years in the recruitment sector, spending many of those helping hundreds of schools with all aspects of their recruitment and school improvement services. He has a strong financial and operational management background, and now works helping small businesses to grow through better relationships with, and management of, their staff.

Richard Jones - ex-student, graduating from Alleynes High School in 1996. 27 years spent within the education industry, having led on Teaching & Learning across the Midlands, and currently on the SLT at a leading independent day school. Chairperson and Community Development Officer at Stone Old Alleynians FC, the local community football club with over 1,000 members, who are based on the school's premises, containing a wide range past, present and future Alleyne's students. Link governor for Physical Education department. Co-opted governor for sport, community and sports facility development.

Michelle Keeling-Kugelberg – Michelle attended Alleyne's in the 1990s. After a career in the West End and regional Theatres she moved to Thailand where she worked with other parents and local government to set up an International school for students of foreign nationals and local children. The fees from foreign nationals helped to fund the education of the more disadvantaged local people. The school evolved to become a charity under the Right to Learn International charity which helps fund education for those students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to received a formal education. Michelle remains and active member of the charity.

Victoria Leigh: Victoria originally joined Alleyne's as a parent governor with two sons at the school. She is now co-opted to the board and is the Safeguarding Link. Victoria has a background both as a governor and as a governance professional and currently works for the School & Governor Support team at Birmingham City Council supporting boards and senior leaders in navigating these challenging times for the education sector

Bev Reardon : Bev is currently a Senior Lecturer in Design and Media at the University of Derby, alongside her role as Degree Apprenticeship Workplace Reviewer, also at the University of Derby. Bev is also an interview panel member for Banks Mill Incubation studios. Bev's previous roles at UoD included responsibility for academic outreach initiatives and relationships within the college of Arts and Engineering, working with small and medium businesses, Saturday College and Summer Schools and artist in residence programmes. Bev also works as a freelance consultant with museums and heritage centres when time allows.

Mike Osborne Town - Mike has lived in Stone for over 30 years. Most of his career has been in education, including headteacher of 2 large secondary schools, county commissioner for education, managing director of a large educational business and, finally, chief executive of a local multi-academy trust. He joined our governing board in January 2024, after 8 years with another local high school governors, and is now our chair of strategy, finance and resources.

