

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION JANUARY 2023

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Andrew Brittain

I went to Hamble School in the 90s. All four of my children went to or are currently at The Hamble School, so I've experienced the whole journey here as a parent, from year 7 to GCSE leavers multiple times. Many of my friends and family were once students at the school, and now have their own children at the school. I have a lot of experience of the school and history as a parent here, so I'd like to use that experience to help to keep the governing body aware of the views and real life experiences of being a parent to children at the school.

Although I think my experience of having had children at the school continuously for the last 13 years is what's most relevant, I also have a lot of experience in business. I've been Managing Director of my own business for 16 years, employing up to 20 staff, and being responsible for finance, people management, HR, strategy, sales and marketing - all giving me skills that I think are very beneficial to the governing of the school.

Jamie Holden

Firstly, I have two daughters going to Hamble School, one each in Years 7 and 9. Who wouldn't want to do all they can to help their kids? I also feel that whilst as parents we get a lot of information from the school, we don't seem to have a way to feed into the decisions they make, so I figured being a parent governor is the best way to do that.

As a parent governor, I would have a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for all our children, especially after the challenges of COVID. As a lawyer in training (it's a whole mid-life career change thing), I have the inquisitiveness and ability to question and analyse all that the school proposes, and the willingness to learn where I could do better. Although I myself haven't got many qualifications, through a commercial career spanning 30 years across all major industries, I have an excellent grasp of literacy and numeracy, and can work constructively in meetings, leading them where necessary. I have great inter-personal skills, and get the job done, for example in working on Mission Christmas for Wave 105 each year. Finally, as a husband of many years to a teacher, I feel I have a unique insight into the challenges of both teaching and parenting.