

## St Thomas More Catholic High School Local Governing Committee

### Parent Governor:



Mrs J Bloomfield

I was elected as a Parent Governor in November 2019. I wanted to be a school governor at St Thomas More Academy to actively support and help the school to continue to improve. I have 3 children; my eldest who attended St Thomas More Academy is now at University, my son is in year 9 and I hope that my youngest daughter will join the St Thomas More community in September 2020.

I currently attend the Ethos and Safeguarding committee and the Admissions Committee.

I have worked in the NHS for over 30 years originally as a clinician but for the past 25 years I have worked in different managerial roles and I have experience of working at Board Level. I currently work for NHS England and Improvement to commission specialised services across the North East, North Cumbria and Yorkshire. My job involves making sure that the services meet quality standards and represent good value for money. This means monitoring the overall performance of our providers, holding them to account, challenging them and supporting them to develop improvement plans if necessary, getting services to work together as networks, engaging with the public about how they would like new services to be provided, investigating complaints and serious incidents. I am also part of a national quality assurance team.

### Foundation Governor



Mrs S Bolton

I have been a Governor at St Thomas More Academy for over 6 years, initially as Parent Governor and now in the role of a Foundation Governor. I wanted to be a school Governor because it is important to me to support my local community and I felt a good way to do this was to use my skills, knowledge and background to support the school in which my children attended (age 19,17 and 8). I am passionate about education and I take pride in my role at STM ensuring the committees I sit on I have the ability to add value towards. I work at Newcastle University as an educator working with students from all schools and faculties where I design, teach and assess on a range of modules which focus on employability.



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### Parent Governor:



Mr D Campbell

I was re-elected as a Parent Governor in January 2021 after serving a first term of office from September 2016. My motivation has always been to contribute, as part of a team, to helping the school make a big difference to the development of young people in our area – education can and should create opportunities for everyone to achieve their potential. My two sons attend St Thomas More, one of them now in sixth form; this has added further personal understanding and meaning to me in the role. My job is as a Chief Pharmacist and Clinical Director at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust where I am responsible for the strategic development of services and the management of a team of about 220 pharmacy staff across Northumberland and North Tyneside.

### Staff Governor:



Mr P Dickinson

I became Staff Governor in January 2021. I wanted to be a school governor because I wanted to be able to take an active role in the growth and development of our school, and see it become even better than it is now. I am proud to be able to say that I have been a member of our school community for over 20 years and work with a team of hardworking and motivated individuals. My job is Curriculum leader of Technology at St Thomas More.

### Staff Governor:



Miss C Edwards

I was originally elected as Staff Governor in 1998 and served until 2019, after a brief break I was re-elected in 2020.

I joined the school in 1991 not long after it's formation becoming the first school librarian at St Thomas More.

Where the library and my role have changed over the years my ethos has remained the same, that reading improves literacy and that literacy opens so many doors for all our young people. I am proud to serve as a governor of this rather special school.



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### Foundation Governor



Mr C Finlay

I was Assistant Head Teacher at St. Thomas More from its establishment in 1988 until I retired. I was delighted and honoured to be invited to be a Foundation Governor. My children attended STM and, now, my grandchildren are part of the school, so I have a current interest in its progress as well as a historical attachment.

My role as a Foundation Governor is to ensure that the school supports families by providing an excellent education, offering opportunities for their children to develop and grow in their Faith and helping them discover and encourage in their children the talents which they will take into the adult world. I have seen generations of STM students making a difference in the world, strengthened by the ethos and outlook they experienced in our Catholic school. I hope to continue to play a small part in seeing that they continue to do so.

### Foundation Governor



Fr C Hughes

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2015 to St Thomas More Academy and I have recently been appointed to the New Local Governing Committee of St Thomas More High School as part of the Bishop Bewick Educational Trust for a further four years. I became a governor through my role as a parish priest of St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's, North Shields.

I want to see St Thomas More's as a school with its Catholic ethos being integrated into every aspect of what it is seeking to achieve for its students and staff. I believe in a model of education that is not just about intellectual attainment but also about developing young people at every level of their humanity, so that they can fully flourish while embodying the key Christian virtues of faith, hope and love in today's world.

### Foundation Governor



Mr R Lowery

I was originally elected as a Parent Governor in 2010 and I was subsequently appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2014. I wanted to be a governor because I am a former student who benefited from a great education from a dedicated group of teachers and I wanted to do whatever I could in my own way to help today's students to have the same opportunities. I currently attend the Finance and Audit Committees and I am also a member of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee. I also have a responsibility as a link governor for the Health and Safety Group. My job is Chief Financial Officer of an aerospace manufacturing business based in County Durham.



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**Foundation Governor:**



Mr C Masiwa

I was first appointed a Foundation Governor in March 2015 and served my 4 year term. I was re-appointed for a further 4 years in March 2019 due to my active catholic participation within the 2 parishes where I normally attend Masses – St. Aidan’s and St. Cuthbert’s. I wanted to be a school governor because I am keen to see St. Thomas More promoting the Catholic ethos within all its students. My daughter was at St. Thomas More student until 2017; currently my son is at St. Thomas More as well. My last born daughter is looking forward to coming to St. Thomas More in 3 years’ time. I currently sit on the Audit and Finance sub-committees. I am a Business Systems ERP Implementation Consultant by profession.

**Foundation Governor  
Chair of Governors:**



Mr M Ronan

I was Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas More for 18 years. When I retired I was invited to become a Foundation Governor. I accepted the invitation and have been a governor for 13 years. I am now in my third year as Chair of Governors.

**Foundation Governor  
Vice Chair of  
Governors:**



Mrs F Stevenson

I have been a Foundation Governor at St Thomas More High School since 2012 and am currently Vice Chair. I see my role as encouraging our young people in their education and supporting our school in providing best possible outcomes and opportunities for all pupils. As part of The Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust I am excited to work together with our family of schools to ensure that St Thomas More continues to thrive and grow in the years to come. Recently retired from a long teaching career in Primary Education I look forward to having a bit more time to work as part of our team of Governors to ensure the continued development and success of our school.



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**Foundation Governor  
Safeguarding  
Governor:**



Mrs C Wright

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in September 2016 and since joining the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust I am now a Foundation Governor on the Local Governing Committee of St. Thomas More. (Foundation Governors continue to be appointed by the Bishop to ensure that the Catholic Life of the school is at the heart of all we seek to do and achieve).

I feel privileged to have been appointed as a Foundation Governor. I have a very strong attachment to St. Thomas More Academy having been employed here for several years as School Counsellor/ Social Worker. My own two children attended St. Thomas More and have benefitted greatly from their formal education and the many enriching extra curricula opportunities that the school offers. I would like all our students to have the opportunity to enjoy the same.

I have responsibility as Link Governor for Safeguarding and work closely with the Designated Safeguarding Leader to ensure that our school is fully compliant with all statutory responsibilities and remains a safe place to learn and thrive. I am confident that together with school leaders, teachers, support staff, parents and our wonderful students, governors will continue our commitment to a healthy Covid recovery for all so that St. Thomas More continues to be a vibrant, inspiring community, "holding the hope" for the future of our young people.

Although now retired I have never been busier, "Living life to the full"!!

