Donald Campbell-Brown

I have lived in Chesham Bois since 1992 and been a member of St Leonards Church since 1996. In my professional life I am an Engineer and most recently the Interim Chief Executive of Engineers without Borders UK. This charity is at the heart of a formerly student-led movement focusing on growing sector-wide globally responsible engineering, inspiring, upskilling and driving change towards social and environmental justice.

For the previous 32 years I worked for BP, latterly providing oversight on engineering risks and safety. My team, based in six locations across four timezones, included experts on electric vehicle charging and hydrogen as a mobility fuel, leaning into the transition to low-carbon energy. I have lived and worked in a wide variety of countries around the world including Japan, Korea, Singapore, the South of France and, in the UK, London and Aberdeen. Before BP I worked in the UK civil nuclear power industry.

For several years I have held a commission as a Group B officer in the UK armed forces, and currently act as 'critical friend' on a number of MoD procurement projects.

I am married to Marion and we have two sons, both grown up; the older, Angus, is now an Engineer living in Bristol and the younger, Alexander, works in London for a wind turbine manufacturer.

Since 2005, I have been deeply involved in the 1st Chesham Bois Scout Group that is a neighbour to the school, previously as Chair of the Executive Committee, as an Explorer Unit Leader, and for the last nine years as Group Scout Leader.

I am deeply committed to diversity and inclusion, advancing STEM education and building organisational capability alongside a culture of respect, openness and continual learning and when not working on any of the above I enjoy hiking and cycling.

Peter Flory – Foundation Governor

My association with Chesham Bois School goes back many years when my mother who helped with the teaching of music, dragged me in to help! All three of my children subsequently attended the school, and my wife Katie served as a Foundation Governor during this time. It is only now that I have found time to give back to the school, and I have now been a Foundation Governor at Chesham Bois since 2009. My professional career since 1974 was with the BBC including a number of its subsidiaries, undertaking a variety of IT professions in their IT and Broadcast Engineering departments, and in September 2008, after 34 years, I left the BBC. I've recently completed my study and training as a Licensed Lay Minister at St. Leonards.

Jackie Lambert – Foundation Governor

I am a Foundation Governor representing St Leonard's Church where I am a Licensed Lay Minister. Now retired, my professional life was in Primary Education where I taught all age groups. I finished my career in the position of headteacher within both small rural schools and larger urban schools. My interests are all types of handicrafts, walking and gardening.

Sarah McDermott

I am a Parent Governor with two children at the School, in Year 4 and Year 2, and am married to Richard. We've lived in Buckinghamshire for 11 years, formerly from Devon.

Prior to having children, I was an Executive Assistant working in local government, the NHS and Queen Mary University where I also qualified as a PRINCE2 project manager and planned, monitored and delivered various projects within budget.

Since living in Bucks I've been involved in several volunteer roles including working for Helen and Douglas House Hospice, Age UK befriending and most recently becoming a member of Chesham's Waterside Community Association (WCA). For the WCA, I'm currently leading on the renewal of the play area (in liaison with the Town Council) on Bois Moor Road (just down the hill from CBS) by applying for grant funding.

I would see my key strengths as having good common sense, personable and a desire to make the community in which we live a better and fairer place in some small way.

I think CBS is a lovely school with good values as shown by the recent OFSTED report. I would hope to help CBS continue to develop their teaching and aspire to be better in catering for a diverse range of children and providing each of them with a unique, fair and positive experience. I believe that one size does not fit all and see each child as an individual with different strengths and potential.

Melanie Peel – Chair of Governors

Originally from Northumberland, I have lived in Amersham for 15 years. I have been a parent of children at the School since 2012, and a parent governor since 2017, and feel very privileged to have been part of such a wonderful community for so long. My youngest child is currently in Year 3.

I qualified as a solicitor in 2008 and then took a career break, returning to employment as a Clerk to School Governors in 2015. This provided first-hand experience of the work of governors in schools and academies and an opportunity to learn best practice from other governing boards. In October 2022, I joined the City of London Schools as their Clerk to Governors. Previously my work included English

teaching posts in Italy, various roles in the travel industry in Italy and the UK and conference production. I still enjoy travel and foreign languages when time permits.

Hannah Quince – Skills Governor

I am a Civil Servant working in Westminster on the delivery of major government projects. I moved to Chesham with my family in 2017 and we have all enjoyed getting to know the area. I have previously worked with children through youth organisations such as Air Cadets and local sports teams. Although I have not been a governor previously, I am looking forward to engaging with and supporting the school - CBS has a wonderful reputation, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.

Kris Wilson – Skills Governor

I have been a Governor at CBS for 15 years and I am also Governor in a Grammar School. My involvement with the school began when our youngest son came to the school when the family moved from Holland, and I then worked in the school office for 23 years. Due to my original career in nursing and counselling, I work with children who have emotional needs and bereavement issues. I am especially interested in the successful transition of our pupils from primary to senior school.