

Charlotte Jones, Parent Governor and Chair of the Governing Body

Charlotte has lived in Lewisham (Brockley) for 19 years and was elected as a parent governor in 2008. She has a daughter in the 6th Form and another daughter gone through her education at Sydenham and both really enjoying their time here. Charlotte is a member of the Curriculum & Achievement Committee, Resources Committee and Children, Young People & Families Committee and is link governor for the School Council and SFH6. In her day job Charlotte is Chief Executive of the Independent Theatre Council (a management association involved in training, professional development, political representation and business development for the performing arts). She studied English and Philosophy at York University and then went on to train as a lawyer. In her spare time she can be found growing vegetables in her allotment by the railway between Brockley and Honor Oak Park.

Mike Luszczak, Parent Governor

Mike is a Parent Governor and second vice chair to the board of governors, and has a daughter in Year 11 at Sydenham. He has lived in Forest Hill for over ten years, and enjoys the community spirit. He is a landscape architect with over 21 years' experience and is a director of a design practice based in Shoreditch. He has worked on a range of 'Building Schools for the Future' (BSF) projects, both as a client and on contractor's teams, as well as school grounds improvement schemes; he intends to use this knowledge to help Sydenham School get the most from its BSF transformation.

Nick Day, Community Governor

Nick has lived in the Sydenham/Forest Hill area for more than 20 years, and was elected parent governor in 2007 and has since been appointed as a Community Governor. His two daughters have thrived at Sydenham School, achieving excellent academic results, and enjoying the many extra-curricular opportunities facilitated by the school. Nick works in projects for the NHS, and is also trustee of a local church charity.

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Gila Tabrizi, LA Governor and sits on the Curriculum & Achievement Committee

Gila is an Education and Skills Policy Officer and has worked in the sector for 10 years. Part of Gila's role is looking at improving vocational options for young people and helping to secure fair access to

higher education for all. Gila was educated at a Girls' Comprehensive school and has a young son who will be starting primary school September 2015.

Fi Redpath, Parent Governor

Fi has lived in Forest Hill for more than 10 years and feels very lucky to have ended up in such a friendly and vibrant part of London. She was elected parent governor in November 2014 and has one daughter in Year 9 and another who will hopefully join Sydenham School in 2017. She also has a son, currently in Year 7 at Forest Hill. Fi is an active member of Sydenham's wonderful new PTA and has been a governor at Dulwich Wood Nursery, as well as chair of the parents' management committee at Sydenham Pre-School. She was also part of the stakeholders' committee that oversaw the rebuilding of Forest Hill Pools. An ex-journalist, Fi recently retrained as a teaching assistant and is passionate about supporting children, whatever their needs, to achieve the very best they can.

Sam Walker – Parent Governor

Sam is a new Parent Governor to Sydenham (November 2014) and has a daughter at Sydenham. In his former role as Director of the Black Cultural Archives, his primary role was to collect, preserve and disseminate the history of Black people in Britain. In this role, Sam met with teachers in both primary and secondary schools and advised in delivering the history curriculum by pointing out the presence and role of Black people in particular historical periods.

After 20 years in this role, he was made redundant and subsequently got an administrative job in a Methodist Church where he is also a lay preacher. Sam's particular skill is in organisational management and also has skills in financial management. Sam is a member of several community organisations in London