



Ripon Grammar School

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – OCTOBER 2025

TWO VACANCIES

5 x CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS (150 words max)

Mrs Lu Han

I hold a Master's degree in Education, and have been working in the UK Private Education sector for 20 years. After working for a leading independent school in both admissions and academia, I started my own education consultancy company, Genesis Education Planning Ltd ([Genesis Education Planning - Career Development Institute](#)) in 2018. Working closely with a number of UK private schools, we select schools for students and provide pastoral and boarding care. We also guide students individually to make quality university applications for top UK universities. In addition to maintaining effective relationships with all the above schools, I also have an in-depth grasp of business practice including solid planning and human resources.

Mr Timothy Hardy

I would like to put myself forward for the forthcoming election of a parent governor. I currently have one child in year 9 at RGS, and two younger children at a local primary school. I work as a consultant hepatologist at a large regional teaching hospital.

I have experience in the role of parent Governor at a local primary school, and understand the financial personnel and curriculum pressures of running a resource intensive school.

I am the parent lead of the school ski team; recent successes include qualification to the national finals and a team member representing England.

Finally have arranged work experience for students interested in medicine whom have gone forward to make successful applications to medical school.

I would be interested to serve on the pastoral committee, and would look to help expand and promote extracurricular activities at the school.

Mr Jonathan Branton

I'm applying to serve as Parent Governor after 10+ years as RGS parent and seeing first-hand the positive impact RGS has on its pupils. My youngest son is currently in LVI with two siblings having gone right through to good A levels and Russell group universities. Outside, I'm an age-grade coach at Ripon rugby and current Head Coach for Ripon Colts (U17/U18), all providing good insight to young people's growth and wellbeing.

Personally I'm a Senior Partner in global business law firm DWF and Head of Government & Public Sector. My specialist areas are subsidies, grant funding, public procurement and



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governance and decision making. In this I'm Lead Partner for UK Central Government, including Department for Education, and more locally I've acted for North Yorkshire Council and York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

All this is topical to RGS and I'd welcome the chance bring this experience to good use.

Mr Richard Johnston

Ripon Grammar shaped my own education, and now, as a parent, I would like to contribute to its future by serving as a Parent Governor. My son is currently a pupil at the school, and I am proud to be an Old Riponian.

I am still serving in the British Army and bring 25 years of experience in leadership, welfare, and HR administration. My role has focused on supporting people, developing teams, and ensuring individuals can succeed in demanding environments. These are skills I believe transfer well to the responsibilities of school governance.

I have also served as a Parent Governor at my son's primary school, which gave me direct insight into how governing bodies operate and the importance of balancing support with accountability.

I am committed to helping Ripon Grammar School continue to thrive and to ensuring that every student has the best possible opportunities.

Charlotte Kimber

I am the parent of a Year 9 boarding student at RGS and I would love the opportunity to be a Parent Governor.

I'm a self-employed Chartered Surveyor experienced in working in property management, in National Parks and currently in environmental sustainability. I live on our family sheep farm on the Yorkshire border. I have previously worked in school administration, as a Clerk to the Governors and am a specialist Finance Governor at my younger daughter's school giving me a detailed understanding of governorship and school finances.

Being a parent, this experience as a Governor, and a Magistrate (shortly rejoining after a bereavement), has given me valuable insight into the challenges families face, and the immensely important role schools have to play in pastoral care and safeguarding.

I care deeply about the school and I would very much like to be part of the team helping it continue to thrive.