

19th September 2025

All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Gordano School. It is a privilege to take on this role and to work alongside the Governing Body, Headteacher, and staff to continue supporting the school in delivering the very best for our young people.

I bring with me over 20 years of experience in education, having taught in both secondary and primary schools. Alongside my teaching career, I have also served as Chair of Governors at a local primary school and as a staff governor within a secondary school. I also completed the Chair of Governors Leadership Development programme run by National College of School Leadership in 2015 which has further equipped me to lead effectively in this role.

I now run my own business, which gives me the flexibility and time to commit to supporting Gordano at what is undoubtedly a pivotal moment in education. My focus is to ensure the Governing Body continues to play its full part in supporting and challenging the school so that every student has the opportunity to thrive and be inspired to achieve their full potential.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to Professor Neil Willey, who has been part of, and led the Governing Body with wisdom and dedication for the past 12 years. His measured approach and steady guidance have been greatly valued and will be missed by us all.

I look forward to working closely with the whole school community and to meeting many of you in the months ahead.

Kind Regards

Helen Hall Chair of Governors Gordano School

