

This is my first year as a parent governor, as a working parent I sometimes feel that I miss out on the contact that some parents have on a day to day basis with the school. Working as an Assistant Headteacher in an all-girls grammar school I have seen the positive benefits of a strong governing body and I hope that I will be able to support St John's and build upon the successful foundations on which this outstanding school is built.

Part of my responsibilities in my current role is for the continued professional development of teaching and support staff within school. Through this responsibility I have lead staff in developing their skill sets to enhance both teaching and learning as well as to ensure that the schools runs safely and securely. Through my experiences I hope I can support the whole school in developing a strong CPD programme that meets the needs and requirements of the school improvement plan and to increase the already excellent standards and provision.

Outside of school I am a keen sports person and I have played sport at a representative level and I can see the positive benefits of involvement in sports and extra-curricular activities, this is an element of the school I would like to become more involved in. My experiences within sport have taught me a number of valuable skills that have positively impacted on both my professional and personal development. The provision of sport at a young age has become increasingly important due to the health benefits and social interaction that it encourages and I hope to assist St John's in encouraging as many pupils as possible to live healthy lives.

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