

Governors 2024



NAME: Cathy Woodbine, Clerk

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: A career spent in the Pharmaceutical and Technology sectors, with international HR responsibilities in a number of blue chip companies, including a European expat assignment.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: An Old Scholar of The Mount, from a Quaker family and a recent Bootham Parent.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Nominations Committee, Development Group, Clerk.



NAME: Rachel Hicks, Deputy Clerk

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Currently working as a consultant to schools and charities; former Marketing Manager of Leighton Park a Quaker School in Reading and a previous chair of the Association for Admissions, Marketing and Communications in Independent Schools (AMCIS).

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Parent of an Old Scholar.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Deputy Clerk, Education Committee



NAME: Juliette Healey, Treasurer

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Economist and Business Expert for the Bank of England. Previously worked on economic policy at HM Treasury and the International Monetary Fund.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Parent of an Old Scholar and a current student.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Treasurer. Finance and Resources Committee, Development Group. Previous Governor of a state primary school in Hackney, London.

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NAME: Melissa Askew, Clerk of Compliance Committee

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Qualified as a solicitor, before moving into legal education. Works at Leeds Beckett University, in the Law School, and has responsibility for staffing and deployment, and undergraduate provision.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Parent of current student
COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Compliance Committee, Nominations Committee.



NAME: Peter Coltman

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Producer/Director of educational television programmes. Previously worked in the Universities of Glasgow and Leeds and also overseas. Trustee of Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and Citizens Advice Advisor.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: A member of the Society of Friends (Quaker) for forty years.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Finance and Resources Committee



NAME: Pippa Farrington

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Senior Manager for a global management consultancy firm. Previous roles include Global Specialist Insurer, Asset Manager and a Global Insurance Broker.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Old Scholar.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Finance and Resources Committee.

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NAME: **Keith Knight**



PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Previously an Architect with expertise in historic buildings. As well as working extensively as an architect in the private sector Keith was Building Conservation Officer for a National Park and a London Borough and Historic Buildings Architect for English Heritage.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: A Quaker and parent of two Old Scholars.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Compliance Committee, Finance and Resources Committee.

NAME: **Jonathan Lovett**



PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Chair of Global Challenges in the School of Geography at the University of Leeds. Previously worked at the University of Twente in the Netherlands and the University of York.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: A Quaker who is a member of Kirbymoorside Meeting.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Link with BEAST.

NAME: **Edward Potten**



PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Combines academic work with running a consultancy business providing services for HE and private owners of early-printed books and manuscripts. He was formerly an Associate Director and Head of Rare Books at Cambridge University Library, and before that ran the Printed Books Office of the John Rylands Library.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Current Bootham Parent.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Education Committee.

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NAME: **Graham Ralph**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Taught at Bootham for 32 years (initially in residence), retiring as Deputy Head in 2012.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: A Quaker and parent of two old scholars. A member of Friargate Quaker Meeting in York; recently a governor at Breckenbrough, a state maintained Quaker school in Thirsk.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Safeguarding Governor, Compliance Committee, Education Committee. Quaker Care and Oversight Committee.



NAME: **Andrew Fisher**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Previously a Partner in a Top 4 Accountancy firm. Has held a range of positions on the boards of Directors in commercial organisations. Treasurer of BOSSF for over 25 years.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Old scholar, father and uncle also old scholars

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Finance and Resources Committee



NAME: **Michael Sessions**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Previously Deputy Managing Director of Sessions of York and Managing Director of Soabar Sessions Ltd. Previous Governor of the Retreat, The York Theatre Royal and the Chairman of the York Arts Centre. Currently a trustee and Chairman of three charitable trusts.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: A Quaker who is a member of the Kirkbymoorside Quaker Meeting. Previously the treasurer of Friargate Meeting. Co-author of "Great Lives" a sequence of biographical essays on eminent Old Scholars.

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Finance and Resources Committee

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NAME: Dominic Fairbrass

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Junior Doctor in paediatrics. Also serves on the British Medical Association regional council for Yorkshire and Humber.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Old Scholar. Attends Hull Quaker Meeting House

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: SEND Link Governor, Education Committee



NAME: Henrietta Stock

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Energy Engineer primarily working in energy efficiency and low-carbon technologies and also leading on business sustainability strategy. Worked across a number of industries including energy, water, construction and finance. Currently working for Aviva leading on supporting climate transition.

LINKS TO BOOTHAM/QUAKERISM: Current Bootham Parent. School STEM ambassador at the school

COMMITTEES AND LINK ROLES: Education Committee, Governance and Compliance Committee