



Mr Crofton Alexander

Chair of Governor

Appointed by the board and the Bishop of Northampton

Term: 4.7.22 – 3.7.26

Personal Statement

My name is Crofton and I am a performance specialist with experience working across a number of sports, including professional Rugby, County Cricket, Formula 1, Tennis & Women's Football. Alongside this, I also have experience in academia, mentoring and coach development. I currently work as Head of Performance Services within professional Women's Football. In this leadership role, I oversee Sports Medicine, Sports Science, Nutrition, Psychology and Wellbeing with the aim of positively impacting the players performance. In my role as Chair, I take huge privilege in supporting our Headteacher with the continual development of our amazing school.



Mr Martin Flannigan

Vice Chair of Governor

Appointed by the Bishop of Northampton

Term: 1.5.25 – 30.4.29

Personal Statement

I've been a Foundation Governor since 2017 and it has been a privilege to see the school go from strength to strength over this time, thoroughly deserving of its brilliant reputation. I have one child currently at the school and I'm also an ex-pupil myself, so I'm very invested in the school and love the community feel when you walk in. I'm the Head of PE at Bishop Stopford School in Kettering and while I may be a little biased, I always feel that I can spot the ex-St Thomas More students at my school, as they are so confident and well-rounded. As you'd probably expect, I try my best to keep active in my time away from work, it doesn't really matter what activity really as long as I can get my shorts on and get outdoors. I especially love spending time with the family, watching movies and playing games, as long as I win of course!



Mr Ryan Plummer

Parent Governor

Elected by parents

Term: 9.10.24 – 8.10.28

Personal Statement

Personal Statement My name is Ryan Plummer, I'm married to Daniela and have two daughters, Eva who is currently in the Year 5 class and Aria who will join STM in the future. I am very proud of my role as a parent governor at STM School where I hope to be of great support to the teaching community as well as its pupils. In my role as a governor, I aim to support the school in general but also specifically with SEND and Admissions.



Mrs Alex Ridley

Foundation Governor

Appointed by the Bishop of Northampton

Term: 1.7.23 – 30.6.27

Personal Statement

A previous student of St Thomas More, Alex lives in Rothwell with her husband and her two daughters who have both attended the school. Alex has worked in Human Resources, within the local NHS system, for over 20 years. Within this time, Alex has developed an interest in Organisational Culture and focuses on this with the school Wellbeing Lead.

Mrs Sue Robinson

Additional Governor

Appointed by the Bishop of Northampton

Term: 1.9.25 – 31.8.29

Personal Statement

I am honored to be asked to join the governing body this year as an additional governor, having recently retired. I have spent my whole career in the finance sector, starting as an Audit Assistant for a small audit firm and finishing off as Finance Director. I moved from the private sector in 1998 into the Education Finance area, first working as a Finance Manager at a Local Upper School before moving to the Local Education Authority as a Schools Finance Advisor and then moving into the Academy Sector in 2013. Since retiring I am enjoying spending more time with my husband, going for walks (must have a coffee shop at the end of the walk!) and being a season ticket holder of Northampton Saints.



Mrs Nicola Grove

Staff Governor

Elected by the Staff of St. Thomas More.

Term: 1.9.22 – 31.8.26

Personal Statement

I joined the St. Thomas More family in September 2016, as a supply teacher, covering Mrs Tunn's maternity leave in year 5. I was asked, in 2017, to become a permanent member of the St Thomas More family. I have been very fortunate in teaching many different year groups as a class teacher. I am currently teaching in year 3 and have responsibility for Art, DT and Outdoor learning.

I began my teaching career late in life. Completing my degree in 2007 and then I went to Windmill Primary school in Raunds to complete my GP training. In 2009 I joined Grange Primary school as a year 5 class teacher and then joined the St Thomas More family, where I have taught in EYFS, up to year 5. Whilst teaching here, I discovered my love for outdoor learning and the benefits it has on the children, not only on their wellbeing but also on their learning. I have been fortunate to develop this as outdoor learning.

I live in Weldon with my husband, Alan, who is a landscape gardener. I have two grown up sons, Giancarlo, who works as a sergeant in the Metropolitan police and Nicholas, who is an area manager for a hire company. Between them I have four amazing grandchildren, Gianluca, Franco, Joshua and Sofia, who I adore and see as much as I can. My husband and I enjoy spending time together, as a family, walking and family holidays. When not on holiday with the family. My husband and I love to visit different counties, I particularly like hot, sandy beaches and finding time to relax, but we also love city breaks.



Mrs Sophie Howes

Headteacher

Appointed in September 2022

Personal Statement

I have had the privilege of working at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School since September 2008.

During my time at the school, my responsibilities have included EYFS and Key Stage 1 Lead, Science Lead, Educational visits Coordinator, Music Lead, Curriculum Lead and Assistant Headteacher. Since September 2022, I have been truly honoured to be the Headteacher. I am very passionate about us fulfilling our school mission statement and providing the best possible opportunities for all the pupils who have been entrusted to our care. As a past pupil of the school, I have an excellent knowledge of its history but am also eager to see it go from strength to strength and provide the sort of education that I thoroughly enjoyed and motivated me to be a teacher in the first place.

In my spare time I enjoy going to the theatre and spending time with my family and friends, especially my two little boys, William and George.



Mr Andrew Tunn

Deputy Head Teacher – Associate Governor

Appointed in January 2018

Personal Statement

My name is Andrew Tunn. I am the deputy headteacher at St. Thomas More and have been in post since January 2018. I have always had a passion for teaching and learning and working with children. I am fortunate that I am able to contribute to the continuous progress at St. Thomas More, as I spend half of my time teaching Year 4 and the other half moving standards on in a range of areas across the school, including Reading, Writing, Oracy and Assessment and Feedback.