



Mr Crofton Alexander

Chair of Governor

Appointed by the board and the Bishop of Northampton.

Term: 4.7.22 – 3.7.26

Personal Statement

Crofton is an accomplished performance specialist with experience working across a number of sports, including professional Rugby, County Cricket, Formula 1, & Tennis. Alongside this, Crofton also has experience in academia, mentoring and coach development. Keen to continue in his performance and leadership journey, Crofton recently became Clubs & Performance Sport Manager at Team a.r.u Cambridge. In this role, Crofton is able to bring together his vast experience working in the field of professional sport, to help facilitate the development of HE performance sport, and coach development.



Mr Martin Flannigan

Vice Chair of Governor

Appointed by the Bishop of Northampton

Term: 1.5.21 – 30.4.25

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. I have two children 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 as they are so confident and well-rounded. As you'd probably expect, I try my best to keep active, 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: 9.10.20 – 8.10.24

Personal Statement

My name is Ryan Plummer, I'm married to Daniela and have a daughter called Eva who is currently in the Year 2 class. 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 its pupils. In my role as a governor, I aim to support the school in general but also specifically with science related learning.



Mrs Alex Ridley

Parent Governor

Elected by parents.

Term: 27.2.19 – 26.2.23

Personal Statement

A previous student of St Thomas More, Alex lives in Rothwell with her husband and her two daughters who both attend the school.

Alex has worked in Human Resources, within the local NHS system, for the last 18 years. Within this role, Alex has developed an interest in Wellbeing and focuses on this with the school Inclusion Lead.



Mrs Nicola Grove

Staff Governor

Elected by the Staff of St. Thomas More.

Term: 1.9.22 – 31.8.26

I joined the St. Thomas More family as a supply teacher and then later became 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.



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. I am now 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. We can often be found exploring local parks and jumping in puddles!



Mr Andrew Tunn

Deputy Head Teacher – Associate Governor

Appointed in January 2018

Personal Statement

I joined the St. Thomas More family in January 2018, when I started my role as Deputy Head Teacher. I have a class responsibility: currently teaching in upper key stage two and I am also responsible for the teaching and learning of English (reading and writing) across the school.

I began my teaching career in 2009 and have taught in five schools in both London and Northamptonshire, teaching children from year 1 – 6. Whilst teaching at St. Edward's Catholic primary School, I specialised in the teaching of English, developing a writing lesson structure that I have also implemented here at St. Thomas More.

I live in Barton Seagrave with my wife, Leanne (another class teacher at St. Thomas More) and my beautiful daughter, Annabelle and my little boy, Beudan. We enjoy spending time with our families in the UK and Ireland, going for walks, relaxing and watching films and visiting America – in particular, Florida.