

## **Bournemouth School For Girls**

### **Parent Governor Elections – October 2018**

#### **Candidate statements**

##### **Dr Sarita Alner**

Hello, my name is Dr Sarita Alner and my daughter is in year 9 at BSG. So far I have been really impressed with the school and confident that my daughter is being well educated and cared for. I am very grateful for that.

I am probably someone many can relate to. I am a mum of 3 girls from mixed race parentage, my younger 2 have visual disability - so yes in our family we are very open minded, non judgemental and pro equal opportunities for all people. I believe in women having the rights and resources to carve for themselves their own versions of success and fulfilment.

Recently I found myself struggling for time to create the family environment I wanted for my children and have chosen to leave General Practice in pursuit of a career path that can be secondary to my requirements as a parent. Therefore I now have time to dedicate to new challenges.

As parent governor I believe I can contribute an understanding of how a well functioning organisation is a happy place to work and that this is the foundation for creating a positive educational environment for our daughters. My general practice experience has given me a privileged insight into issues affecting teenage girls and their families, along with an understanding of organisational structure - both which I feel will help in role of parent governor.

##### **Mr Dario Di-Delice**

I am a qualified Quantity Surveyor, A Chartered Construction Manager, and the MD of a Chartered Building Consultancy. I pride myself on being open, honest, respectful and very ethical. Having been in the professional side of construction for 35 years, I have a solid background in project / property / financial / contractual matters, with good negotiation and communication skills.

My experience has been gained from working for various companies at local, national and international levels. I have worked on various projects including schools, sports hall, and offices, and am used to working with difference stakeholders/interested parties. I am a member of the Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on the Committee of the Bournemouth Property Association, and a founder member of Progressive Property Network (Bournemouth).

Part of the success of the school, has been with help and contribution of parents. The futures of our children and for future pupils, requires that continued effort, and I am willing to offer my wide professional knowledge, expertise, time and energy to the School and the Board of Governors.

##### **Mr Julian Robbins**

As Company Director of a regional Advertising Agency, I look to fulfil one of the skills requirements of the school; the need for a Governor to have a background in Marketing. I have previously looked after the promotional requirements of the University of Portsmouth, Southampton Solent University and have undertaken project work for Bournemouth University as well as the Arts University.

A five-year period as a secondary school teacher (2000-2005), having taught GCSE and A-Level Business Studies, gives me an insight into the rewarding nature of the job and the challenges faced by the demands of providing effective learning.

I feel I can offer a good level of knowledge and understanding of the next phase in pupil development. One of the key roles held whilst a teacher was that of Enterprise development, which involved overseeing apprenticeship schemes developed between the school and industry. In addition, as a guest lecturer at Bournemouth University, I have experience of higher education and the route through to further academic studies.

I have a long-standing association with Bournemouth School For Girls. My eldest daughter is now at Plymouth University having studied her A-Levels at the school, whilst my youngest daughter (having joined in year 7) has just started year 12. Both my wife and I are ex-pupils of Bournemouth School For Girls and Bournemouth School respectively and this is where we met thirty plus years ago! I am also a very proud sponsor of the school's football kits.

I hope I will be able to enhance the team of Governors. I have a particular interest in giving the pupils the same funding advantages of those of other schools in the region and will look to support the school's pastoral support team dealing with the health and wellbeing of all students.

### **Mr David Whelan**

I am delighted to offer myself as a candidate to the Governing Board of BSG. I am currently Executive Chairman and Non-Executive Chair of four UK companies (namely Footfalls & Heartbeats Ltd, Delmar World Ltd, Banntech Ltd, and Mains of Teymouth). I am also mentor to several CEO's and senior directors of leading UK and international brands including Subway and Lionsgate Films.

My undergraduate university degree was in Economics. This was followed by further studies of Postgraduate level in Philosophy, Accountancy, Theology and Contract Law (including Employment Law). Needless to say I use my economics, accountancy and contract/employment law experience in my day to day activities as Chairman of the above mentioned companies.

I have previously been a School Governor at Talbot Heath School for Girls and also a Trustee, for many years. During my Governorship, I was Vice Chairman of the Employment and HR Committee and owing to the long term health issues of the Chairman (Dr Andrew Main), I stepped into the Chairman role in his absence, dealing with most of the employment issues that escalated to my level. I was also Vice-Chairman of the Resources Committee and again stepped into the position of Chairman as well during that Chairman's long term indisposition.

I have also attended several courses on the role of a Governor and the responsibilities of a Trustee.

I enjoy "giving back" and as such I am involved in several advisory roles including my work with Pitch@Palace under the patronage of HRH Prince Andrew. I am also called upon from time to time to join governmental advisory committees.

I trust that with my experience, I can bring to the Board a plethora of experience in particular relating to employment, resources, local businesses, financial and business acumen.