



**Alan Blackwell**

A former Tockington parent, Alan's children attended Tockington from Reception to Year 8. He became our Governor with responsibility for boarding in January 2011. Having spent 25 years in the Army, Alan set up his own consultancy business in 2011.

*"Whilst serving in the Forces I was moved all around the world; we therefore felt it would be best for our children to board in the UK. It was very important to us to find a boarding school that felt 'homely', where the house parents and teaching staff genuinely cared about our children, and which we had confidence shared our values. Tockington provided exactly that, high quality boarding with stability and continuity in a 'home from home' environment."*



**Rob Caul**

Rob became a governor at Tockington Manor in May 2014, he is a qualified Chartered Accountant and has been chairing the finance committee since early 2015. Rob started his career with Coopers & Lybrand (now PWC), he is now CEO of Kallidus – a Gloucestershire based software company, and a Member of the Institute of Directors.

*"My relationship with Tockington began when my two daughters started at the Nursery. The level of care they received throughout their years at Tockington was second to none, combined with excellent teaching and a very enthusiastic sports department. Without doubt Tockington gave our daughters a solid educational foundation from which they could go on to successfully progress through Bristol Grammar School."*



**Miles Grocott**

Resident within the grounds of Tockington Manor, both of Miles' children attended school from nursery through to Year 8. Miles is a Sales Manager at Virgin Media (17 years), and prior to that, has held Marketing, Sales and Research positions in global biological science businesses – Hoechst AG and Dow Chemical. Miles has Board responsibility for the Enterprise function, utilising his commercial experience and business acumen to ensure successful usage of school assets for the Tockington Manor community and its wider stakeholders.

*'With our home location being so close to school, my wife and I have seen all that Tockington does for its children, most of which, parents don't always get to see or experience. The richness and breadth of all that the staff do is integral to the DNA of Tockington, and is central to what makes it such a special and unique place'*



**Helen Holloway**

A former Tockington parent, Helen is also a seasoned marketing professional with 30 years of experience working for Unilever and Kraft Foods across Europe. She now runs her own marketing training and consulting practice working with companies such as Weetabix, ASDA, Danone and Statoil.

*"I found the wrap around care and flexi-boarding offered by TMS provided me with a unique level of support that enabled me to continue with my career, knowing my children were fulfilled, happy and in safe care"*



**Paul Hutchinson**

A former Tockington pupil, Paul is an experienced lawyer having worked for several of the region's law firms and has been Managing Director of his own legal practice since 2004. Paul directly advises some of the largest wealth management companies in the world including St James's Place and Close Brothers on areas of tax and trust planning.

*"I found the all-round education I received at Tockington provided me with the most solid foundation to progress to senior school and beyond. Life skills are rarely taught, but enabling youngsters to thrive and flourish in a safe, friendly, environment is something Tockington has done for many, many years and nearly 30 years after leaving the school, I am still noticing the benefits."*



**Philippa Leggate BA Hons, MEd, PGCE**

An experienced Independent secondary school Head and consultant, Pippa first came into contact with Tockington through past pupils who attended her secondary school and through the Boarding Schools Association. She was invited to become a Governor in 2007 when she returned to live locally in Gloucestershire, whilst working for an Education Trust as a full-time consultant. Since then she has enjoyed the opportunity to contribute with an educational perspective and input to the school.

*"Tockington Manor School provides an excellent education for children grounded in timeless standards and family values. They are well prepared and equipped for the next stage in their education thanks to strong foundations in both academic and personal terms "*



**Gary Sheppard**

With a wealth of board level experience in both public and private companies, Gary's diverse background encompasses retail, telecommunications and construction. He is currently the CEO of one of the South West's fastest growing construction companies as well as sitting on a number of boards as either an advisor or non-executive member.

*"When selecting a school for our children the family values, academic reputation and fantastic facilities first attracted us to Tockington Manor. During our initial tour of the school I distinctly remember one of the teachers saying 'we aim to keep children, children just that little bit longer' – and they have!"*



**Peter Smith**

Associated with the school for over 20 years as a former parent, Friends Chairman and Chairman of Governors. Peter is a Chartered Civil Engineer working for 37 years in Skanska, specialising in foundation construction. His experience extends to project management, engineering, sustainability, marketing and quality.

*"Tockington provides an excellent, varied, all-round education for our pupils to develop their talents, to then go on to their senior schools and realise their full potential"*

## **Andrew Turrell**

Andrew is a former Tockington parent, with two children who attended the school, one a "lifer" from Nursery to Year 8. He is a Chartered Surveyor with over thirty years' experience in commercial property, and runs his own property consultancy. With his property background he is responsible for the schools facilities and maintenance.

*After many years as a parent, it was a privilege to continue my association with the school as a Governor. My children fully appreciated the traditional values of the school, its facilities and environment, and the culture of "learning how to learn". We were delighted that we took the decision to continue through to Year 8 with both of them, during which time they had their two best years at the school, enjoying all the facilities available, in particular the casual boarding (we rarely saw them!) and ensuring that they were ideally prepared for the move to their next school.*



**Julian Wheldon**

Julian's relationship with Tockington began over 25 years ago: his three daughters all attended TMS and went on to Badminton School. He recently retired after 36 years at IBM, having been a Software Technical Consultant. Julian became a Governor at Tockington in 2006 with responsibility for Health, Safety and Security matters.

*"A friend recommended Tockington Manor to me in the 90's and my first daughter joined Reception - the very successful Nursery wasn't born then. Of course, over the years, Tockington has grown and evolved, while the children are still brought up to maintain the school's core values which include good manners, tolerance, individual and collective responsibility and caring for one another. It's called Tockingtonicity: it's recognised and highly valued by the schools our children move on to."*