



Peter Cooper

Peter became Principal of the College in September 2017, having been the Deputy Principal at the College for a significant period during which the College gained two outstanding Ofsted inspections and became the inaugural TES Sixth Form College of the Year in 2016. Peter has worked on Academy Trusts and was a member of the British Colleges' Sports Board for a number of years, due to his interest in student life beyond the classroom. Peter previously worked in schools and at Priestley College in Warrington, having graduated in Chemistry from Nottingham.



Dr Marion Hawkins

First appointed as a College Governor in February 2015.

Marion's early post-graduate career involved working in multi-national industrial companies, becoming a Chartered Engineer (MIMechE), in technical posts at Rolls-Royce and Marconi Space Systems and Project Manager at ICI, working on multi-million pound projects. A career change to become a Chartered Accountant took her to PriceWaterhouseCoopers, working as both Accountant and Financial Auditor in private and public sector organisations, before moving to Durham University for three years as Faculty Accountant and then as Finance Manager at DU Business School. Currently, Marion works as a Business Consultant advising private individuals and owner-managed businesses on a range of finance and management issues.



Dr Ken Hopkins

Ken is the Chair of the College's Board of Directors and was first appointed as a College Governor in 2007.

Formerly a Parish Priest, a College Chaplain, Dean of Students and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Kingston University. Ken holds degrees in English and Theology, a Doctorate in English and a Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling and Supervision. Ken is also the Vice Chair of Bishop Anthony Educational Trust, a multi-academy trust, and is also Chair of Close House Youth Club in Hereford.



James Miller

A College Governor since 2009.

James has spent his career teaching in the independent sector with 17 years at Winchester College, as Head of Economics; five years as Headmaster of Framlingham College in Suffolk; and 14 years as Headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School. James also found time to be a governor of a 16-19 comprehensive, another sixth form college and four independent schools. James also had spells as a Winchester City Councillor (including three years as chairman of one of the main service committees), a school inspector (ISI), a member of the Newcastle Education Commission and a board member of the Durham University Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring.



Andrew Parsons

First appointed as a College Governor in October 2016.

Andrew is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, and former Head of Operations and Control Areas for international investment banks. As well as a career in banking, operational control systems and risk management, Andrew had several years' service in the Territorial Army.



Shirley Tully

First appointed as a College Governor in December 2014.

Shirley works as an Interim Finance Director in the FE sector. She is an Economics graduate and a Fellow of CIPFA. She was previously a Director of Finance at Richmond-upon-Thames College for six years, following seven years as Education Finance Manager for Slough LEA. Shirley is also the Treasurer of Almeley PCC



Gillian Slater

Gill has worked in HR in higher education and in manufacturing engineering. She currently leads the organisation and learning development function in a university in the midlands. As chair of the CIPD branch, Gill supports CPD for HR professionals and to facilitate students to develop their careers in HR. Her first degree was in Behavioural Sciences, followed by post graduate study for CIPD qualifications and she has recently qualified as an executive coach and mentor.



Phil Douce

First appointed as a governor in February 2017.

Phil has a BSc in Production Engineering.

Phil worked most of his life working for a number of large Computer Software houses as a Principal Project Manager working all over the world on multi-million-pound projects, installing manufacturing systems into multi-national companies. Since retiring some eight years ago he has been involved with Worcester Civic Society firstly as Vice Chair and as Chairman for the last four years. Until recently he was a trustee and Vice Chair of Civic Voice, the National Body for the Civic movement in the UK. His major interest is in saving what is left of the heritage of Worcester.



Toby Hooper

First appointed as a governor in 2016. Toby graduated in Law from Durham University in 1972. From 1973 he practised as a Barrister in London (latterly as a QC) in civil liability claims and employment and discrimination claims until he was appointed a Circuit Judge for the Cities of Hereford and Worcester in 2007. He retired in 2016. He was a member of the Parole Board 2010–13. He is an Honorary Freeman of the City of Hereford, an Honorary Fellow of the University of Worcester, a Bencher (Governor) of his Inn of Court (Inner Temple), a member of the Diocese of Worcester Criminal Justice Affairs Group and a Trustee of Worcester Live (performing arts in Worcester).



Sheila Fallon

Appointed initially as a parent governor in December 2015 and subsequently as an external governor in December 2017.

Sheila is Head of Operations, Education & Quality for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at University of Birmingham.

She started her career with Halifax PLC becoming an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers specialising in administration and staff management. She then had a career change and spent a number of years as a music teacher whilst her daughter was at school and college before returning to management at the University in 2015.

Music continues to be a huge part of her life as she is Musical Director for Worcester Operatic and Dramatic Society.