

Amy Egurrola - Co-opted Governor

I joined the GTS governing board as a parent governor in September 2022 when my own daughter was still a pupil here. I was originally attracted to Glastonbury Thorn due to the fact it was 'an Outstandingly Happy School', as I strongly believe our children's early experiences of school will impact their whole education journey. That was also why I joined the board - to be able to contribute in a tangible way to ensuring GTS remains the best school it can possibly be for our children.

In terms of my own background, I have a degree in Spanish and Portuguese and a PGCE in secondary education. For 10 years I taught languages to 11-18 year olds at a local secondary school where in more recent years, I enjoyed being involved in projects to promote both languages and diversity and equality in the curriculum. I now work for a safety education charity, delivering workshops to in primary and secondary schools on important issues such as online safety, knife crime and sexual harassment.

Louise McDonald - Parent Governor

In November 2023, I stepped into the role of Parent Governor, eager to make a positive impact on the school community. As a mum to two energetic boys, one of whom is in Year 2 at GTS, I am deeply invested in the journey of education and its power to shape futures.

By profession, I am a solicitor specialising in commercial property litigation, representing a range of well-known businesses on a daily basis. My work allows me to thrive in a fast-paced environment, but I have always been passionate about the importance of education. I became a governor because I believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life and I am dedicated to working alongside both staff and parents to foster a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can succeed.

When I'm not juggling my professional life or fulfilling my role as governor, you'll likely find me in the kitchen baking with my children, or getting lost in a good book when time allows!

Milly Azordegan-Lenihan - Co-opted Governor

I joined the Glastonbury Thorn School governing board in January 2025. I have a daughter in Foundation and another daughter in Year 2.

The majority of my career has been in the Education Sector. I started in primary education soon after graduating from University 25 years ago. I then went on to work in adult education in an administrative capacity until finding my passion for education in the field of Further Education. While the start of my career was in Business Management, I have spent the past 10 years specialising in Safeguarding, Mental Health and the SEN provision.

My career with inner city London children has been driven by my passion and belief that despite life circumstances every young person is entitled to a very real and fair chance to succeed in education. I am thrilled to be serving on the Board of Governors at Glastonbury Thorn School. My hope is to help in the best way I can to ensure the school remains a special place for all pupils who have the privilege to learn here! I aim to achieve this by fulfilling the strategic responsibilities of the Governor's role. Outside of work, I run local children's classes focussing on virtues and their contribution to the world. I enjoy spending quality time with my family and our friends across the world and closer to home.

Malcolm Dobell - Local Authority Governor

I'm a semi-retired railway engineer and an experienced school governor having been a member of Glastonbury Thorn governing body for over 20 years. In all that time, I've been a parent governor, development governor and chair. All my four children attended Glastonbury Thorn and my eldest was part of the very first cohort in 1993.

I decided that I wanted to be part of the governing body when my youngest daughter joined the school in the early 2000s and put my name forward to be a parent governor. Later when she joined what was then Hazeley School, I volunteered to be a parent governor there which led to becoming chair of the 5 Dimensions multi academy trust in Milton Keynes.

Sophie Sarginson - Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors

I joined the Board of Governors when my oldest son was at Glastonbury Thorn. I was hugely impressed by the caring, supportive environment that the school creates for all its children and keen to support the school in return. My son has now moved on to Loughton, but his brother will be starting in Foundation in 2026.

I was appointed Chair of Governors in November 2024; it is a privilege to lead a board of dedicated and enthusiastic governors, with a great range of skills and experience. It is hugely rewarding to work with the amazing team at Glastonbury Thorn, and I am inspired by their passion to help every child grow and learn in a safe and supportive environment. As Governors we want the school to achieve its vision, deliver its aims for the children and above all be a safe and happy place where children have positive experiences and develop their full potential. We support that by fulfilling our strategic responsibilities, providing support and challenge to the leadership team.

I am the Director of a small consultancy business, and have been working in project/programme management and business development for over 15 years. I enjoy gardening and cooking with my children and, when I have the time, relaxing with a good book!

Michelle Morris – Staff Governor

Many years ago, my own three children first started their education at Glastonbury Thorn School. I have been a member of staff at GTS since 2009 and I joined the Governing Board as a Staff Governor in May 2024. I have witnessed for myself the dedication and commitment of the staff and leadership of the school. I am now proud to serve as a member of the Governing Board and help support the continued success of this amazing school.

Whilst working at GTS I returned to education to undertake a degree in Early Childhood and Education. I am passionate about the education and wellbeing of children to ensure that they are given every opportunity to succeed and grow. The vision, aim and values of GTS fully support this passion and I am thrilled to be part of the team ensuring that we always have the highest of expectations for ourselves and our children. I believe every child deserves access to high-quality learning opportunities and I am excited to work with the other governors to ensure that GTS continues to provide a supportive and enriching environment where all children can thrive academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally.

In my spare time I thoroughly enjoy baking and spending time with my family and friends. I love taking my two dogs on long walks and when time allows I also like making crafts.