



The Tottenham Grammar School Foundation

Trustee Information and Biographies

The Foundation has 11 Trustees, listed below. You can read more about their background and connection to the Foundation in their biographies, listed alphabetically below.

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| Paul Asser | |
| Barbara Blake | Appointed by the London Borough of Haringey |
| Keith Brown | Chair of the Finance Committee |
| John Fowl | Vice Chair of Trustees |
| Mark Grosskopf | Appointed by the London Borough of Haringey |
| Graham Kantorowicz | Chair of Trustees |
| Gary Kirwan | |
| David Kaplan | |
| Derek Levy | |
| Lorna Reith | |
| Ann Waters | Chair of the Awards Committee |

Paul Asser

Paul has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since November 2024. He was educated at the Somerset School in Tottenham. After completing a City and Guilds electrical apprenticeship with C J Bartly Electrical Contractors, Paul worked in the electrical trade for several decades, including fourteen years with Carrington Electrical Contractors where he supported a successful apprenticeship scheme. Since 1996 he has been self-employed as an electrical contractor. Paul has a long association with rugby, having played at school and for the Old Grammarians RFC, where he now coaches the Colts (U17 & U18) and assists with the U13s. His other interests include live music, theatre and sport.

Barbara Blake

Barbara is one of two Nominated Trustees that are appointed by the London Borough of Haringey and attended her first meeting of the Foundation in October 2018. A Labour Councillor for Seven Sisters Ward, Barbara also serves on the Management Advisory Board of the Triangle Children, Young People and Community Centre.

Keith Brown

Chair of the Foundation's Finance Committee

Keith has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since its establishment. Prior to this, he was a governor of the Somerset School (formerly the Tottenham Grammar School) up until its closure in 1988. The “new” Foundation immediately put Keith’s skills and experience, from leading an international investments company, to good use by appointing him as the inaugural Chairman of its Investments Committee. Now renamed the Finance Committee, Keith has continued to lead it in the crucially important process of developing and strengthening the Foundation’s investment portfolio. He has a BA in Economics from the University of Nottingham and worked for 40 years in economics, finance and investment management. He was Chairman and CEO of WorldInvest which he founded through a management buyout from the Bank of America, and has been a Director of Union PLC, New Star Institutional Managers and Great Gaddesden Wines. He was a Director of the Haringey Enterprise Board and is a member of the Haringey Local Government Pension Scheme Board. In 2016, as Chair of Governors of the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London, Keith received an MBE for services to Further Education. His leisure pursuits include spending time in France, travelling generally, playing golf, reading novels, listening to music – especially opera, going to the theatre, watching drama and football, having meals with friends.

John Fowl

Vice Chair of Trustees

John has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2012. He is an ‘old boy’ of the Tottenham Grammar School, having grown up in Tottenham. He held a range of senior management positions in Further Education colleges, latterly choosing to specialise in Governance as an independent advisor and trainer nationally, and Clerk to five FE corporations. He holds a Chartered Secretary qualification. Among John’s leisure pursuits are watching rugby union, playing in three ukulele groups and working as Secretary for the Lodge of Faith For Duty which was formed by old boys of TGS. The latter two pastimes involve him in raising funds for a variety of national charities.

Mark Grosskopf

Mark serves as one of the two Nominated Trustees appointed by the London Borough of Haringey and attended his first meeting of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation in July 2024. He is a Labour Councillor representing the South Tottenham ward and sits on committees including the Children & Young People’s Scrutiny Panel and the Culture, Community Safety & Environment Scrutiny Panel. He has a particular interest in improving support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and promoting better outcomes for young people across Haringey.

Graham Kantorowicz

Chair of Trustees

Graham has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2011 and was appointed as Chair in 2024. He is an old boy of The School, joining in the last year of the Grammar School, and was School Captain in his second year of Sixth Form. After reading Zoology at Leeds University Graham worked for Barclays Bank, mainly in Retail Banking, and then became National Credit Manager for the UK division of AB InBev, the multinational brewer. Now retired from the commercial world, Graham is a rugby referee and is a Committee Member & Trustee of the Old Grammarians Rugby Football Club. Graham also has Committee roles with the Finchley Society, Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents Association and the AB InBev Pension Council.

Gary Kirwan

Gary has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since July 2024. He attended the Somerset School from 1970 to February 1976 and left to work at Chemical and Carbon (Ever Ready) as a Quality Control Technician. He then went on to work for Haringey Council and the Whittington Hospital before returning to study at the London School of Economics (1984-1988) for a B.Sc. (Econ) Hons in Industrial Relations. He later obtained an MA in Human Resource Management and Employment Law from Middlesex University in July 2009. After finishing his degree in 1988 he worked for the British Medical Association, Haringey Council again and then a 13-year period at the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. He then became a National Trade Union officer and Team Lead at the Royal College of Nursing until May 2024. Gary's other relevant Experience includes being Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Haringey Law Centre between 2001-2007, serving on the Ferry Lane Tenants and Residents Association (Tottenham) 1985-1989 and a Governor at Ferry Lane School (Tottenham) 1986- 1989. Gary enjoys listening to and buying music, attending concerts, travel, watching Tottenham Hotspur and keeping an allotment.

David Kaplan

Dave has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2019. A lifelong resident of Hornsey/Haringey, he attended Tottenham Grammar School from 1964 until 1970. After a five-year City and Guilds apprenticeship he qualified as a Lithographic Printer in 1975. Dave worked in the Printing industry for 48 years until retirement in 2013. During this time, he was involved as a trade union representative and delegate. Dave is married with two children and three grandchildren. He has been involved with the Old Grammarians Rugby Football Club since first playing for them while at school in the 1969/70 season and held a variety of offices in the Club over the years including Club Captain from 1976 to 1980. Dave is a Trustee of the Club and a Vice-President.

Derek Levy

Derek has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2019. He is an 'old boy' of the Tottenham Grammar School, joining in its last year before

the creation of the Somerset School, and was Deputy School Captain in 1972/73. After reading International History and Politics at Leeds University, the first 20 years of Derek's career were spent in the advertising, media, marketing, and public affairs arenas. His work with the Institute of Directors led to a range of other consultancy assignments with Times Newspapers, LBC Radio, Reuters, Ford, Express Dairies, Abbey National, Threshers, Sainsburys, North London Training and Enterprise Council and the Finsbury Park Community Trust. Since 1996, Derek's focus has been more toward the public sector, initially at the London Business Innovation Centre and then directly with London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, concentrating on the development of a Creative and Cultural Industries quarter before becoming the Marketing Manager at the Adult College of Barking and Dagenham. Derek was elected as an Enfield Councillor in 2010; his representative and committee-based roles include Planning, Licensing, Overview, and Scrutiny. He stood down from the Council in May 2022 - but remains active in the community as a co-opted Director of the Enfield Enterprise Agency.

Lorna Reith

Lorna has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2023 and has lived in Haringey since 1975. After a career in Housing, both local government and voluntary sector, Lorna became CEO of national charity Disability Alliance from 1992-2006. She was elected as a local Councillor for Tottenham Hale in 2002 and on becoming Deputy Leader in 2006 left paid employment to concentrate on her Council responsibilities. In 2008 she took on Cabinet responsibility for Children and Young People a role which included chairing the Haringey Children's Trust. In 2012 she stepped down from the Cabinet and became a Standards Committee member as well as resuming paid employment as CEO of Healthwatch Enfield, from 2013-2016, when she retired from both her job and the Council.

From 2007-2011 Lorna was Deputy Chair of London TravelWatch, a passenger watchdog organisation. She is chair of the Tottenham District Charity and has been Chair of Haringey Citizens Advice Bureau since 2022. She is also chair of her Residents' Association on the Ferry Lane estate in Tottenham. Other activities include being a community/patient representative on the North Central London ICB Primary Care Committee and a volunteer with Coffee & Computers. Lorna has experience as a grant assessor with the Paddington Development Trust.

Ann Waters

Chair of the Awards Committee

Ann has been a Co-opted Trustee of the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation since 2021. She spent her career in the Ministry of Agriculture and then the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working in such diverse fields as negotiating in the EU on food labelling and working on the control of animal disease outbreaks including foot and mouth disease and avian influenza. After retiring Ann was elected as a Labour Councillor for Woodside ward in Haringey and served 2 terms including 4 years as the Cabinet member for Children which included responsibility for all levels of education. She

was a governor of a Tottenham primary school for 12 years until July 2021. Now fully retired she spends her time looking after her grandchildren and her allotment and helps to run a small community centre near her home in Muswell Hill.
