

Statement from Khouloud Azzouni Alturk

My name is Khouloud Azzouni Alturk. I am the Mother of Lamis Alturk who is a pupil in Year 8 (R).

Having a great interest in the education of our children, I am a Parent Governor at Brentnall Primary School, where Lamis attended; and where I have two other children still studying. I have held this position for eight years and have gained a good understanding of the education system and experience in relation to the curriculum, performance management and special needs.

I am interested in becoming a governor at Sale Grammar School to continue my interest in not only my child's education but that of all the other pupils at the school. I have a passionate belief that all children deserve to have effective schooling and believe my experience of being a Parent Governor at Brentnall Primary, has given me the much needed experience and knowledge to assist in ensuring that the school effectively promotes pupil achievement, their development; and that the procedures and policies are correctly adopted throughout the whole school.

I have a Masters Degree in Pharmaceutical Analysis. I have been employed by Manchester City Council for five years within the Advice Department of the Directorate of Adults. I have recently moved to my new post as a Community Engagement officer which involves working within the BME community to encourage volunteering. I have developed good communication skills throughout my working life to enable me to communicate with people from all walks of life and different cultural backgrounds both orally and in writing, which I believe will enable me to be an effective member of the governing body.

If I am successful in becoming a Parent Governor at Sale Grammar School, I would welcome the opportunity to give something back to the school that is there for the education of our children and will work hard to be effective.

Statement from Melinda Beckett-Hughes

I will have two children at school in September 2012, a boy in Year 9 and a girl in Year 7 who both attended a local state primary school. I am an entrepreneur and executive and business coach whose portfolio can be seen at www.beckett-hughes.com. I have a BA in European Studies (French and German) and an MA in Counselling, and am a member of The British Psychological Society and the Institute of Directors. Over my 30 year consulting career I have worked with the boards of many large corporates and FTSE companies and have specialised in leadership and team development. Last year I also set up a specialist division providing mentoring and coaching for head teachers and educational professionals which can be seen at www.portlandeducational.co.uk. I am now launching a small business coaching enterprise to fill some of the gap left by the demise of The Business Link.

I am an active Christian involved in a large Manchester City church and have also been involved in youth work supporting the Message Trust. I am CRB checked and have OFSTED-recognised first aid qualifications. I am also a keen sports fan and run an ethical sport management business www.ayudasport.com which has at its heart the aim to put back into the local and third world community through the associated Ayuda Foundation of which I am Chair. I have been on the board of two not for profit organisations and was Deputy Chair of Community Foundation of Greater Manchester in the past and am therefore very familiar with board governance.

I have been a public speaker and writer and am in the middle of writing my first book for publishing which is a light-hearted novel about juggling the challenges of being single parent and business-woman and coping with the consequent, varying degrees of managed chaos!

Statement from Teresa Hopley

My name is Teresa; I am a mother of two boys and I work part time for the NHS. My background is in human resource management. More recently I have been working on service improvement projects at a large district hospital.

My connection with Sale Grammar School is via my son, Ben, who is in Year 8. My youngest son is Dan, who is hoping to be offered a place at Sale grammar School this year. Ben has enjoyed his first year at Sale and has settled well into the current academic year.

I am interested in becoming a parent governor at Sale Grammar School for the following reasons:-

- Over the last 6 years I have served 2 terms of office at my son's infant and junior schools. My involvement includes acting as Numeracy Governor, as well as Chair to the Curriculum Committee at Moorlands Junior School. I have thoroughly enjoyed both positions and wish to build on the experience I have gained so far.
- I value the ethos and results of Sale Grammar School and see this opening as a real opportunity to contribute my time, energy and commitment to ensuring the continued success of the School.

I consider myself to be friendly and approachable and would be more than happy to represent your views and opinions to the School Governors.

Finally, I believe my experience in senior management and my previous terms as parent governor will assist me in meeting the requirements of an effective parent governor for Sale Grammar School.