

Thomas Telford School

Members

The Mercers' Company	Tarmac Holdings Ltd	John Bowater	Tim Billingham
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Governing Board

Georgina Ruoss Chair of Governors & Sponsor Governor ¹							
John Bowater	Kate Evers	Caroline Harding-Jack	Tim Haywood	James Roberts	Stewart Roberts	Esther Williams	Georgia Vine
Sponsor Governor ²	Sponsor Governor ¹	Co-opted Governor	Sponsor Governor ¹	Sponsor Governor ²	Sponsor Governor ¹	Co-opted Governor (Parent)	Sponsor Governor ²

¹ The Mercers' Company / ² Tarmac Group Limited

All Governors have been appointed by the Members in accordance with Article 33(b) of the Trust's Articles of Association. Dates of appointment:

Roy James Harrison OBE	16.09.1998	James Roberts	20.06.2024
John Ferguson Bowater	23.11.2004	Georgia Vine	20.06.2024
Bromley Jones	25.11.2003	Timothy Christopher Ashley Haywood	01.09.2024
Stewart Brian Roberts	27.03.2012	Kate Evers	07.11.2024
Esther Williams	19.06.2023	Caroline Margaret Harding Jack	05.03.2025
Georgina Ruoss	01.09.2023		

Declarations of interest, including Governors who have resigned in the past 12 months can be found on page 2

Last updated 13 November 2025

Declarations of Interest (including Accounting Officer)

Name of Governor		Interests declared
J F Bowater	1.	Director of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (1986) Limited.
	2.	Director & Chair of Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust
	3.	Consultant of Aggregate Industries Limited, an international construction and building materials company
K Evers	1.	Member of The Mercers' Company, a sponsor of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited (Thomas Telford School)
	2.	Father [Mr J A Watney] was a former Governor of the School
C M Harding-Jack	1.	Independent Safeguarding Consultant for the School (& TTMAT Schools)
	2.	Daughter is employed by the School as Examinations Officer
T Haywood	1.	Principal activity - T&A Haywood Farming
	2.	Director of Crewyard Construction Company Limited
	3.	Director of Gunthorpe Estates Limited
	4.	Shareholder of MartinsThorpe Utilities Limited
	5.	A member of The Mercers' Company, a sponsor of the Trust, & Chair of the Company's Finance Committee
	6.	Director of SPGS International Limited
	7.	Trustee of SPNTSPF – Pension Fund
J Roberts	1.	Employee of Tarmac Ltd, a Sponsor of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited (Thomas Telford School)
S B Roberts	1.	Governor & Chair of Madeley Academy Local Governing Board
G L Ruoss	1.	Member of The Mercers' Company, a sponsor of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited (Thomas Telford School)
	2.	Member of Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust
G Vine	1.	Employee of Tarmac Ltd, a Sponsor of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited (Thomas Telford School)
E Williams	1.	Parent of students at the School (joined in 2022-2023 & 2023-2024)

Accounting Officer:	
I Rawlings	1. Wife is an employee of the School

Interests of Governor(s) left within 12 months

B Jones <i>Resigned 30.09.25</i>	1.	Granddaughter is a student at the School (Year 7 2021-2022)
R J Harrison <i>Resigned 12.11.25 [end of meeting]</i>	1.	Member of Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust

Governors' Involvement in the School

All Governors

- Regularly accept invitations to visit the School to observe aspects of the school day, particularly prior to each Governing Board Meeting and for the purposes of any link role
- Regularly accept opportunities to engage with students and staff at events such as Christmas Productions, Achievement Evenings (two per year), Annual School Production, Examination Results Days, school lunches
- Review and approve School Policies, including but not limited to, Child Protection/Safeguarding/e-Safety, Performance Related Pay, Pupil Premium, Behaviour & Discipline, Complaints
- Contribute to the production of the annual Governors' Report to Parents
- Review the School SEF and School Development Plan and have input in relation to the same
- Review the progress towards the School's annual targets and priorities
- Review interim reports provided by the Head, as appropriate, outside of the Governors' meetings relating to examination performance, relevant published data relating to standards and of any other matters of relevance, or interest, to Governors in relation to their responsibilities
- Review progress data and other relevant reports relating to priority areas, including progress being made to "narrow the gap" and expenditure to support disadvantaged students.
- Review the financial management of the School, including performance against agreed budgets
- Meet annually (or are provided with the opportunity to meet) with the Auditors to review the Annual Accounts
- Consider the content of the Management Representation Letter to the Auditors and, if appropriate, sanction the signing thereof
- Consider, and take appropriate action, where necessary, based upon any recommendations detailed in the Audit Findings Report.
- Complete statutory Safeguarding training and have up-to-date DBS certification in accordance with requirements.
- Participate in routine governance self-evaluation reviews and take any remedial action which may be required as a result
- Participate in relevant training opportunities, as arranged by the School

Specific to the Chair &/or Deputy Chair

- Maintain regular dialogue with the Headmaster between Governing Board Meetings.
- In addition to the Designated Safeguarding Governor, are advised of any particular cases relating to Safeguarding and in advance of disclosure to the full Governing Board (where appropriate).

Specific to the Remuneration Committee

- Undertake a preliminary review of the annual salary and performance-related pay proposals for all staff as prepared by the Head. Once agreed, refer such proposals to the Governing Board for approval.
- Undertake the same process as above for the Headmaster and agree the Head's targets each academic year.

Individual Governors

Name of Governor		Specific Involvement
J F Bowater	1.	Designated Governor for dealing with matters of complaint, disciplinary, exclusion as set in the School's policies
	2.	Provides support in developing further community relations
	3.	A member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee (including investment matters)
	4.	A member of the Remuneration Committee
K Evers	1.	Provides support with general school matters
	2.	Designated Safeguarding Governor
C H Harding-Jack	1.	Provides support with safeguarding matters & general education (has safer recruitment certification)
T Haywood	1.	A member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee (including investment matters)
J Roberts	1.	Provides support with employment benefit matters
S B Roberts	1.	A member of the Remuneration Committee
G L Ruoss	1.	Chair of Governors
	2.	A member of the Remuneration Committee
	3.	A member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee (including investment matters)
G Vine	1.	Provides support with human resource matters
E Williams	2.	Provide support for Careers related activities and events