

Introduction

June, 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome to Yardley Court! We very much hope that your son will enjoy his education here to the full. Our number one concern is your son's happiness and welfare. Life here at YC is busy so these notes are intended to help you through our administrative and educational routines but are not designed to be exhaustive. Should you have any problems please discuss them, in the first instance, with your son's form teacher.

All members of staff are available for meetings throughout the year and we look to develop good communication links between home and school; by working together in a spirit of mutual cooperation we will be able to help your son maximize his potential in all areas of school life. At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term there will be a series of informal gatherings when you will have an opportunity to meet many of the staff.

I look forward to getting to know your son and to helping him make the most of all that is on offer here at Somerhill.

John Coakley
Headmaster

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Aims of the School

As part of The Schools at Somerhill, we aim to provide our children with quality education in a happy environment.

We encourage all pupils to strive for their full intellectual, social and physical potential.

We will provide our children with a broad education extending beyond the classroom to encompass sporting and cultural activities.

We value our sense of community with its emphasis on respect for one and all. A happy and secure environment enables our boys and girls to learn the importance of good manners and polite behaviour.

We aim to work hard, play hard.....and enjoy doing both!

THE WORKING DAY AND WEEK

The regular school week is Monday to Friday: we only have Saturday school for our Year Eight boys. On all days of the week the school is open from 8.00 a.m. and boys must be in school for a form period at 8.30 a.m. If arriving before 8.00 a.m., please do not leave your son unaccompanied. On a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the collection time is 4.10 p.m. for boys in Years Three and Four and 4.30pm for all other pupils. (Boys in the Junior Forms with older brothers and sisters will be looked after until 4.30pm) On Wednesday collection time is 3.45pm Thursday is our regular match day for our Junior boys (Years Three & Four) and 'away' fixtures sometimes mean that the boys will not be back at school until after 4.30 p.m. The Middles (Years Five & Six) and Seniors (Years Seven & Eight) have their mid-week matches on Wednesdays.

It is important that you endeavour to collect your son at the correct time each day. If you are delayed your son will be looked after but please, if possible, contact us in advance; this helps to put your son's mind at ease. If you wish your son to remain after school he can join our Tea-Time Club and be supervised until as late as 6.00 p.m. (Boys can be provided with a tea and there is a small charge for this.)

There may be some Saturdays when, if your child is in a school team, he will be asked to come in for a match. These will be advised well in advance. *The boys are expected to play for the school if chosen and this is an important commitment.* Please check the calendar that you will receive at the beginning of each term with care. This same calendar is also available on the website: www.schoolsatsomerhill.com

THE SCHOOL DAY

An outline of the school day is as follows:

8.30 -	8.45	Form Period
8.45 -	9.05	Assembly
9.05 -	9.45	Period 1
9.45 -	10.25	Period 2
10.25 -	10.55	Break (Snack provided)
10.55 -	11.35	Period 3
11.35 -	12.15	Period 4
12.15 -	12.55	Period 5
12.55 -	1.25	Lunch
1.25 -	1.55	Break / Clubs & Activities
2.00 -	2.35	Period 6
2.35 -	3.10	Period 7
3.10 -	3.20	Break (Snack provided)
3.20 -	3.55	Period 8
3.55 -	4.30	Period 9 (Years 5-8)
3.55 -	4.10	Form time / Dismissal Years 3 and 4

Normal end of school day.

4.50 -	5.50	Prep (Years Five - Eight Optional) Boys can be collected at 5.20
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Wednesdays

2.00 -	3.45	Games (Years Five - Eight)
4.00 -	5.00	Prep (Years Five - Eight Optional)

On most afternoons there are clubs and activities taking place between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. (4.15pm start for Years Three and Four). These also take place on several lunch breaks.

An example of last year's Michaelmas programme is provided for you. (Club details change from term to term.) Our clubs and activities are great fun but please note that we expect a commitment to them – boys cannot 'chop and change' during the course of a term. For some clubs that require outside tuition there is a small charge; these are always clearly detailed on the Club List which is issued with report letters at the end of each term.

ACADEMIC / ROUTINE MATTERS

Marks are regularly collected in each subject and there are examinations for most subjects for Year 8 in October, Years 7 and 8 in February and in June for all years. At the end of the Summer Term there is a full written report; this includes all final marks and effort grades. Our effort grade system is clearly detailed on each report that you are issued. We provide a slightly briefer report at the end of the Michaelmas and Lent Terms but these also include final marks and effort grades. An interim report is provided at half-term in the long Michaelmas Term to let you know how well your son has started his new academic year.

If a child's work is causing concern, then we encourage you to talk to your son's form teacher. We will always contact you if we feel that there are important aspects that we need to discuss about your son's progress. Sometimes we consider it beneficial to monitor a boy's work especially closely and to do so he may be put on a report card. This is an

internal process which, used sparingly, provides an opportunity to help a boy if he seems to be falling behind. We are quite happy for you to contact individual subject teachers if you require guidance about how a subject is being taught.

In Year Three all teaching is in mixed ability groups. In Year Four the boys are set for their Maths so that they can progress at an appropriate pace; usually the setting is across three ability groups. This setting process extends to English in Year Five.

Stars are given to boys for good work and go towards a House Competition. The number that your son gets each term will be recorded on his report.

House Points are given to boys for especially good behaviour, helpfulness etc. We are very pleased that most of our boys are well-behaved and work hard. If their behaviour disappoints then a verbal admonishment is usually sufficient. If we need to draw a boy's attention even more to his behaviour then a Minus Point might be given. The emphasis, however, is very much on praise and encouragement.

Prep is set on a daily basis for all the boys in Years Five – Eight. In Year Five it should not take a boy more than thirty minutes to complete. In Years Six and Seven it may take up to one hour a night. Year Eight CE and Scholarship boys may well have more prep. A boy should only spend the allotted time on a prep and parents may help though not actually do the work! Boys in Years Three and Four do not have formal prep set. They should, however, be reading every evening and recording this in their reading / homework diaries. Weekly spelling and tables tests require regular revision at this age. In the Summer Term in Year Four we introduce boys to more formal prep assignments to prepare them for the routine in Year Five.

Parents Evenings are held throughout the academic year. There are two 'formal' parent/teachers evenings for each year-group. Currently, Year Three parents are invited in during the Michaelmas and Summer Terms. We operate a system of appointments. These last for ten minutes each with the Form Teacher in Year 3 and 4. In Year 5 and above the appointments are of seven minutes duration as the move to subject specialist teaching at that point means you may well have seven or eight different teachers to see. We do ask that parents stick to their allotted times; if you find that you need more time then this will be found at a mutually convenient time. I would encourage you to talk on a regular basis with your son's form teacher and please address any concerns that you might have promptly.

Form Teachers Each child has a Form Teacher; he or she will be your normal first point of contact and will look after your son's pastoral welfare. We have a social evening early in the academic year when you have an opportunity to come in and meet many of the staff but in particular your son's Form Teacher. The Form teachers for Year Three, 2011/12 will be Mrs Croft (3C), Mrs Hannan (3H) and Mrs Taylor (3T)

Mr Shute is Head of the Junior School and keeps a watchful eye over all the boys in that particular section of the school. He is available to meet the parents of any boy in Years Three or Four to discuss social and academic development.

PENS / PENCILS / STATIONERY / BOOKS

All text books and exercise books are provided by the school. Every boy will also need:

- i) A named pencil case, HB pencils, coloured pencils, rubber and a 30 cm ruler marked in millimetres and inches. A fountain pen / roller writer will not be necessary until Year Four at Yardley Court. An upper price limit of £5 is recommended. Expensive pens should not be brought into school. Biro's are not allowed.
- ii) A copy of The Children's Bible will be useful from Year Six onwards.
- iii) A Geometry Set will be necessary from Year Five onwards.
A Scientific Calculator will be necessary from the second term in Year Five.
- iv) A passport is necessary from Year Five onwards. The boys go on a one day trip to Boulogne in Year Five and again in Year Six. In Years Seven & Eight our senior boys combine for a residential trip to either St. Omer or Paris. An annual ski trip is offered to boys and girls in Year Three (if a competent skier) and up. We also take boys and girls on PGL adventure holidays. In 2004 our senior boys went on a sports tour to Bermuda and at Easter, 2006 we had a great trip to Cape Town. We returned to Bermuda in 2008, 2010 and 2011. Mr C used to be a Head Teacher over there and clearly enjoys going back!

SPECIAL NEEDS

Yardley Court offers both an assessment and support programme. Both teachers and parents are encouraged to bring problems to the attention of our SENCO, Ms Kate Helyar. Great care is taken to ensure that all children are able to develop their strengths and overcome their weaknesses and it may well be considered necessary for your son to have some extra lessons for a period of time. This would only happen after appropriate consultation between school and home. In line with the majority of preparatory schools, there is a small extra charge for such lessons.

ILLNESS / ABSENCE

We take a daily register in the morning before assembly and in the afternoon. If your child is to be absent for a dentist / doctor's visit please inform us by letter or telephone several days prior to the appointment. If he is absent through illness a phone call is always appreciated. When a boy returns to school having been ill he must bring in a note explaining the absence. Unexplained absences have to be marked as unauthorised. A note in the homework diary will suffice.

If you wish your son to be off games / swimming for any reason it is important to send in a note to Mr Green, our Assistant Head. No child will be excused games without such a note.

MEDICINES

Medicines that need to be taken in the school day should be given in to the Form Teacher who will administer them or pass them on to the first-aider. Please attach clear instructions. *We cannot administer any medicine without specific written parental permission.* Mrs Dicks, who is in charge of our First Aid arrangements, will look after medicines. Clearly if your son needs medication it might be better if he stays at home until fully fit! Parents are asked to complete a medical form on behalf of each child who attends Somerhill and there is space for details of any medical condition to be entered. *Please remember to keep us updated on any changes.*

ASTHMA

If your child is asthmatic and manages his own inhaler at home we are happy for this to occur at school provided we are informed by you in a note. A spare inhaler should be kept at school. The boys can carry their own inhalers.

ACCIDENTS / ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We will always contact you straight away if we have any concerns about your son's health. If it is a condition requiring simple first aid we would administer this at school unless you had specifically requested us not to. There are several trained and qualified 'first aiders' on the staff. If we believe that your son needs a visit to the hospital to be checked then we will contact you and arrange to take your son to the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells. It is vitally important that you keep us up-to-date with your mobile phone numbers together with those of further emergency contacts.

PERMISSION TO BE ABSENT

All requests for absence must be made in writing well in advance. For routine matters such as doctor's / dentist's visits then a note in the homework diary will suffice. Other requests should be made directly to the Headmaster. It goes without saying that we encourage parents to keep all requests for absence to an absolute minimum. Holidays should be confined to school vacation periods.

DISCIPLINE

All staff find opportunities to give encouragement and praise whenever possible. We can reward boys for good academic work by giving them stars. Our house-points are issued for especially good behaviour, good manners, being helpful etc. These all count towards the overall House competition and are recorded on a boy's report at the end of term.

We expect boys to take a large measure of responsibility for their own behaviour. Lists of rules and regulations are not posted throughout the school though we do issue guidelines on expected behaviour and these are detailed below. We do not expect the boys to be 'perfect' but we do expect them to be kind to each other and to act sensibly. Growing up involves making mistakes, however, and then learning from these. Boys will therefore be admonished verbally or will be issued with a Minus Point which detracts from their House total. Persistent offenders can expect to be closely monitored and to have to meet with either the Headmaster or Assistant Head! If a boy's behaviour gives cause for real concern we would always expect to work closely with the parents to 'get back on track' as rapidly as possible.

If the Headmaster deems it appropriate then boys are, on very rare occasions, asked to attend school for a Saturday detention.

GUIDELINES FOR PUPILS (This is what is posted in every Form Room)

We pride ourselves in Yardley Court on being a happy school. You have an important part to play in maintaining that reputation.

We have discussed our Code of Conduct in lessons and assemblies. In its simplest form it asks you to look after each other and our school.

We do not publish big lists of rules and regulations, instead we ask you to use your common sense and your own knowledge of whether something is right or wrong.

Please, therefore:

- Be kind to one another
- Have fun and laugh *with* your friends but not *at* them
- Treat all other people in school – pupils, teachers, everyone who works here – with respect.
- Please try and be polite and helpful.
- Remember your manners. Saying ‘Please’ and ‘Thank you’ is always appreciated.
- Look after your own possessions and leave other people’s alone.
- Ask for help whenever you need it. It might be that you are finding work hard or that you are feeling sad for one reason or another. People are here to help you – you only have to ask.
- Try your very best in everything that you do.
- Enjoy school life to the full!

CONCERNS ABOUT BULLYING

All our boys at school are encouraged to be kind to one another and to treat each other with respect. In assemblies and in PSHE lessons the boys are constantly reminded of this and are given very positive encouragement to behave appropriately. *They are also told that any form of bullying is unacceptable and that they must tell someone if they are being given a difficult time by another person.* Bullying is not something that has to be suffered or put up with. Tell a friend, tell a teacher, tell Mum and Dad so that we can be of help.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOME

Your son will bring any letters for you home in his book bag. His Form Teacher will check that all communications from school get put in the bag; you must check the bag once at home! We produce a fortnightly newsletter that keeps you up-to-date with all that is going on here at Somerhill; this is posted on our school website and can be downloaded from there. Your son’s Form teacher will use his Reading Record Book / Homework Diary for more personal messages so these books should be checked by you on a daily basis. This is also your most immediate way to communicate with the school. The School Office is manned every day from 8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. and an answerphone can pick up messages outside these hours.

We ask parents to supply us with their e-mail addresses as increasingly we communicate with parents via this method. We use a system called Parentmail and parents should sign up for this at www.parentmail.co.uk.

Increasingly we post letters and messages for parents on the school website: www.somerhill.org Here you will also find a special and private ‘Parents’ Area’ that allows you to access letters / team-lists etc designed only for Schools At Somerhill parents to see.

HOUSES

The boys are divided into four Houses - Ashmore, Hudson, Marques and Nicolson. These Houses, named after Old Yardley Courtiers, compete throughout the year in a whole range

of pursuits including: football, rugby, hockey, cricket, swimming, athletics, cross country, general knowledge, music, chess and art.

In each of the sporting competitions we give the boys a chance to play for their House. In House music and art, every boy will participate in the competitions. Large numbers enter the chess tournament.

House points and stars are totalled termly for each House and cups awarded respectively. The boys who gain the highest totals for their House have a 'special' lunch with the Headmaster as does the winning house. These totals and all the points gained from the House competitions throughout the year go toward the Page House Shield awarded to the best overall house at the end of the Summer Term.

LOST PROPERTY

All your son's possessions in school should be named. This particularly applies to items of clothing. With over 240 boys in the school it will come as no surprise that items do get lost. If your child has lost anything please tell the Form Teacher who will announce the fact in assembly. Un-named lost property is kept initially by the Assistant Head. Boys should not bring valuables into school. Watches may be worn but must be engraved please.

LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Please feel free to contact Mr Daniel Sumner, our Head of Music, if you would like your son to start learning a musical instrument. We currently work with 16 peripatetic musicians so there is a good range of musical opportunity. Lessons take place throughout the school day but on a rotational basis so that your son does not miss key lessons on a regular basis.

SWEETS / FIZZY DRINKS

Please do not allow your child to bring sweets or drinks into school. The boys are provided with home-made biscuits and a drink at morning break and a piece of fruit and a drink in the afternoon. Each Friday we have a charity cake sale and your son may bring in up to 50p to buy items.

Penknives/ Ipods/Nintendo DS's and similar are also not permitted.
No swapping/purchasing of other boys' possessions is allowed.

MINIBUS ROUTES

The school operates a number of mini-bus runs at both the start and end of the school day. If you are interested in this service, please contact Mrs Wilkes in Reception and she will be able to provide full information on routes, availability etc.

MATCHES

Parents are very welcome to come and support school matches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and you will always be informed in advance when your son is representing the school. *If your son is selected to play for the school on a Saturday then he is expected to attend.* We expect our parents to set a good example by supporting all members of the team (not just their son!), giving encouragement, applauding good play by both teams and being supportive of the referee / coach at all times. We try very hard to make sure that every boy will get the chance to represent the school on several occasions in each of our three major sports: football, rugby and cricket. Not all schools share this approach, however, so this can present difficulties but we try our very hardest to involve ALL boys. It is not helpful if parents question the selection of teams!

Other Saturday commitments include our annual Sports and Prizegiving; this traditionally takes place on the penultimate Saturday of the Summer Term.

LABELLING OF CLOTHING & KIT

All sports kit must be clearly labelled. Labels must be sewn onto kit and uniform
Gym Shoes should be marked on the outside with an indelible pen. Boys need a separate pair with non-marking soles for use in the Bickmore Hall.

When buying football/rugby boots we recommend strongly that you buy moulded soles. Boots with detachable studs are not necessary for the first two years. All studs must be 'safety' studs with the official kitemark.

Book Bags – These are provided for all boys in Years 3 and 4 and cost £5.

HEALTH FORM

We ask you to complete a form about your son's health record. It is of vital importance that you inform us of any changes in your son's medical records.

SCHOOL FEES

All parents new to The Schools at Somerhill are required to pay fees by direct debit. Existing parents are encouraged to join this scheme.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The school provides balls for playtime use but boys can bring in footballs and rugby balls (named please) for use in break times but we cannot take responsibility if they are lost / damaged in the process. Cricket equipment is provided by the school; you need not provide bats or pads. All boys need a gum-shield when they start to play contact rugby in Year Four; we have a fitting service here at school provided by a dental firm.

SCHOOL SHOP

There is a Somerhill School Shop run by Simmonds which stocks Yardley Court uniform. School uniform is not held in their shop in Tunbridge Wells. At present the uniform shop is open as follows:

Mondays	8.30 - 9.30 a.m.
Wednesdays	3.00 - 4.30 p.m.
Fridays	8.30 - 9.30 a.m.

Simmonds now provide the opportunity to purchase uniform on line, using the links from The Schools at Somerhill Website (www.schoolsatsomerhill.com) or by going direct to www.simmonds-ltd.com/yardley. Simmonds do not recommend that new entrant parents use this service initially.

School second-hand uniform shop

This shop stocks uniform "already enjoyed" in good condition. A certain percentage of the money charged is returned to the original purchaser with the remainder being donated to the school.

Opening times currently (though subject to change):

Second-hand only

Monday	3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	8.15 – 9.00 a.m.

It will also open for special appointments – contact via Reception

Both shops are open at advertised times during the School Holidays

THE NEXT STAGE - SENIOR SCHOOL

It is advisable to consider your choice of Senior School fairly early; some schools insist on registration at least three years in advance. We hold a special evening for the parents of boys at the start of Year Five when we outline all the possibilities. Do not hesitate to come and talk with the Headmaster or Deputy Head (Academic) prior to that time if you feel that you need guidance. All parents have a formal meeting with the Headmaster in Year Five to ensure that the process of senior school selection is well underway.

These notes are not designed to cover all eventualities but we hope that they prove to be of help. When in doubt about any aspect of your son's education, PLEASE ASK. We are keen to be of help and want to make your son's time with us a really positive and happy experience.

Governors of the Schools at Somerhill

Mr Peter Braggins *Education Committee, Eco Club Committee*

Educated at Christ's College, Cambridge. Head Teacher, The Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells 1992 -2005. Previously, Head of History and Assistant House Master, Bedford School. Member of the Secondary Transformation Team and School Improvement Partner for KCC. Chairman, Management Committee, Study Support Centre for West Kent Learning Federation. Coach to debating teams, Citizen Foundation's Magistrates' Court Competition teams and school football and water polo teams. Umpire and involved in junior cricket for over twenty years. Magistrate, North Kent Branch.

Mr Joe Davies

Master of Haileybury, formerly Head of Sutton Valence School. Educated at Christ College, Brecon and St. John's College, Cambridge. Former Housemaster at Tonbridge School and Deputy Head at St. John's School, Leatherhead. Married with four children.

Mr Nicholas Héroys MA FCA *Finance and General Purposes Committee (Chairman)*

Chairman of The Finance and General Purposes Committee. Married with two sons, both educated at Yardley Court. Educated Tonbridge School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Finance Director of McCorquodale PLC, an international publicly quoted printing group (1977-86). Finance Director of Slaughter and May, City Solicitors (1987-95). Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. President of Kent County Cricket Club 1995/96, appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Club in 2006 and currently Chairman of Trustees of their Benevolent Fund. Trustee of the High Hilden retirement home.

Mrs Diane Huntingford *Finance and General Purposes Committee*

Prior to working in education, worked in hospital administration in London, the British High Commission in New Delhi and the American Embassy in Jakarta. Formerly a Parish Councillor, Vice-Chairman Board of Governors of Yalding Primary School and member of Board of Governors of South Borough School for Girls (Maidstone). One son educated at Yardley Court and Sevenoaks School and one daughter educated at

Hilden Oaks and Sevenoaks School. Lives locally and was formerly the Bursar of The Schools at Somerhill. Currently Honorary Secretary of Tonbridge Civic Society.

Mr Mark Jiskoot *Public Benefit*

Educated at Tonbridge School and graduated Imperial College, London; Honours Degree in Engineering. Married with two children (boy/girl who passed through SPP, Yardley/Derwent). Held roles in development before moving to Houston to establish a company from grass roots. International consultant on loss control; published and presented numerous papers at variety of international conferences. UK representative to the ISO standards committee in field of crude oil sampling. Chairman/Managing Director of a niche systems design engineering company based in Tunbridge Wells; 60 employees, wholly owned US subsidiary. Former Kent 'Exporter of the Year,' ISO 9001 accredited and an Investor in People. Supports Young Enterprise. Pension Fund trustee. CBI - member of Regional Council and National Executive.

Mr Charles Kinloch FRICS *Finance and General Purposes Committee*

Married with three grown-up children. Educated at St Edward's, Oxford, and The College of Estate Management, London. Joined Ibbett Mosely in 1964 becoming Joint Senior Partner with responsibilities for general practice surveying, estate agency, property management and planning. Retired in March 2003, but remains as a consultant and he is also a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. A trustee of High Hilden Home and House Chairman of Abbeyfield Tonbridge Society Ltd. Interests are gardening and equine support activities.

Mrs Catherine Mayhew *Finance and General Purposes Committee*

Read Law at Cambridge University and then worked in the City of London and in a local law firm. For the last 10 years has been a local Councillor and is currently the Deputy Leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. Extensively involved in a range of local organisations and also a Governor of a primary school. One son attended Somerhill Pre-Prep and then Yardley Court.

Mrs Jill Milner *Education Committee*

Educated St. Anne's College, Oxford. Headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks. Previously, Assistant Head Teacher/Acting Deputy Head at Tonbridge Grammar School. Teacher elected Governor at TGS serving on Personnel, Curriculum and Finance Sub-Committees. Member of the Secondary Heads' Association and of the Girls' School Association. Sidesperson and Bible-study Group Leader, St. Mary's Church, Speldhurst and Trustee of The Hospice in the Weald, Pembury.

Mr Michael Norrie

Married with son (Yardley Court and Tonbridge School) and two daughters. Chartered Accountant and director of Corporate Finance company specializing in mergers and acquisitions. Governor (Chairman 2002 - 2006) of Tonbridge Grammar School. Vice President of Tonbridge Juddians RFC.

Mr Michael Stevens

Educated at St Edward's School, Oxford, and Exeter University. Qualified as a solicitor in 1975 and then worked in the City of London. Joined Cripps Harries Hall in 1985 and became Senior Partner in 2006. Specialises in real estate law. Married with four children, two sons educated at Yardley Court and two daughters educated at Derwent Lodge. Involved in a range of local organisations. A director of Locate in Kent, the inward investment agency for Kent, and a Kent Ambassador.

Miss Helen Tebay

Always resident in the area, educated at Walthamstow Hall Junior School, Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls and St. Catharine's College, Cambridge with a Mathematics degree and PGCE. Taught Mathematics at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School for six years; Assistant Head of Lower School for the last two years. Currently teaching at Sevenoaks School. Lower School tutor for five years, Divisional Head of Middle School for five years and Divisional Head of Sixth Form since 2007. Fully involved in co-curricular activities including Sports, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and the Combined Cadet Force.

Mr Hugh Tebay *Education Committee (Chairman), Finance and General Purposes Committee and Child Protection*

Educated at the Simon Langton Grammar School, Canterbury, and King's College London. Degree in Mathematics and Physics and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Schoolmaster at The Judd School for three years and then at Tonbridge School for thirty-five years. Taught mathematics, coached all major sports, Housemaster and Deputy Head. Headmasters' Conference Schools inspector. Married with four children, of which two sons were educated at Yardley Court and Tonbridge School. Involvement in local community in Crime Protection.

Mr Philip Thomas *Chairman of the Governors and Finance and General Purposes Committee*

Educated at St. Dunstan's College. Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1966. Joined Creaseys in 1971 and became partner in 1974 and senior partner in 1990. Invited by Michael Bickmore to be a trustee of Somerhill Charitable Trust in 1993 on its formation and then appointed as Chairman in 1995. Also a trustee of TACT – a fostering and adoption agency. Married with four children (three girls and a boy), son educated at Yardley Court and Tonbridge.

Mr Charles Warner

Educated at Yardley Court, Marlborough College and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. Solicitor and Notary Public working at Warners Solicitors in Tonbridge since 1977. Former Governor of Tonbridge Grammar School (1996–2003) and former Director of West Ham United Football Club (1988-2006). Trustee of Tonbridge United Charity. Married with three children (two sons educated at Yardley Court).

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