



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Staff, Parents and Students,

As we approach the half term break, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors, having been elected to the role earlier this week. On behalf of the whole governing body I would like to thank the previous Chair, Mrs Jane Dixon, for her excellent contribution throughout those difficult, Covid lockdown and remote learning days. Having hopefully weathered that storm, we are now in a very strong position to move forward, with new ideas and initiatives, to keep our wonderful school in prime position and provide the best possible education to our students.

I have had a long association with the school; my son spent 7 happy years studying here and I became a parent governor in 1999. Since joining the governing body I've contributed to the leadership of the school by sitting on its various committees, subcommittees and panels. I have a particular interest in the curriculum, human resources, the careers provision and also our ICT function which is my commercial background.

At Heckmondwike Grammar School we take pride in the quality of teaching and learning opportunities for our young adults, as evidenced by the consistent high achievements of our students' GCSE and A Level results. As representative of the governing body as a whole, I look forward to working alongside the Headteacher Mr Roberts, his Senior Leadership Team and all staff to maintain these high standards.

These are challenging times for us all, but rest assured that the governing body and staff will always focus on what is in the best interests of our students.

Enjoy the half term break and my best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,

*D.G. Cross*

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Chair of Governors

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