

I have lived in Episkopi Station for 10 years with my wife and two daughters, the eldest of whom has just started St John's School in September 2018 as a Year 7 student. My youngest daughter will be joining her next year and is currently in Year 6 at Episkopi Primary School. Both of my children have gone through the excellent schooling programme that Episkopi Station has to offer that, without doubt, has contributed to giving them a wonderful head start in their lives. My wife is an LSA at St John's and works predominantly within the PE department and currently oversees the Duke of Edinburgh Award within the School.

I jumped at the opportunity of being a School Parent Governor as I recognise the importance that schooling has on a developing and shaping young people into achieving their highest ambitions. St John's School offers a wonderful educational opportunity and one that I am more than happy to support. I have got to know many of the school staff team and recognise the depth in quality and professionalism that they have to offer their students.

Through my role as Episkopi Station Youth Worker, I already work in partnership with St John's in jointly delivering a successful Duke of Edinburgh Award. This partnership had been running for 8 years and goes from strength to strength thanks in great part to the dedication of the school staff team who give up their time freely. I have also undertaken assemblies promoting opportunities for young people to undertake outside of the school environment. Through running the Youth Centre I come into regular weekly contact with many of the secondary school pupils who live in Episkopi.

I have always enjoyed spending time with my family and undertaking adventurous holidays and outings. I am very proud of what my children have achieved so far in their lives and look forward to the many more escapades we will have. I enjoy keeping fit, being involved in sporting events and having physical goals to challenge myself.

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