

## Introducing the Chair of Governors

Fidelma Murphy MA H.dip ED  
Director of Education Spain



Hastings is grateful to be able to call upon the expert guidance of Ms Fidelma Murphy, who serves as the school's Chair of Governors and has over 25 years of experience at the forefront of International Education both in Spain, Ireland and the Middle East.

Ms. Murphy comments: "It is a privilege to be the Chair of Governors for Hastings School. The students at Hastings are a joy to interact with; they are open minded global citizens who are actively involved in the learning process. They are reflective communicators who embrace opportunities to develop their learning skills.

Ms. Murphy has an MA in languages and a Higher Diploma in Education from Trinity College Dublin. She has extensive experience in education as a teacher, Coordinator of International programmes, academic Vice Principal, Consultant to start-up schools in the Outstanding Schools Programme in the Middle East, Recruiter, a Principal at two international schools and an IB School Visitor. Fidelma joined Cognita in August 2018.

Ms. Murphy comes from a family of educators. Her father was a Senior Lecturer in the Dept. of Higher Education and Research at Trinity College Dublin, his passion lying in comparative education. Fidelma was educated in Ireland and has fond memories of a caring and innovative approach to teaching and learning.

As Chair of Governors, Ms. Murphy works closely with the Headteacher in the appointment of staff, monitors the school's performance in a range of areas and works as a critical friend to support us as we strive for excellence in everything we do.

As well as serving as Chair of Governors at Hastings School, Ms. Murphy also attends meetings regularly with the team of Directors of Education at Cognita, the global schools group of 75 schools, of which Hastings is one. Being part of the Cognita family helps us to connect with other schools, share best practice and benefit from a broad professional network. Every school within the Cognita family is different: we embrace this diversity and learn from each other.

As a group, Cognita has high aspirations for every child and is committed to enabling all young people to develop high academic standards, character development and a global perspective.