



## **Colonel Andy Thorne**

Colonel Andy Thorne was born in 1971 and attended the Royal Hospital School followed by Southampton University where he read Electronic Engineering. He was commissioned into the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1993.

As a platoon commander he served with the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Germany, taught at the REME Apprentice College, and deployed to Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Then, as the Engineering Officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment, he deployed to Cyprus and Kuwait. Following this he completed a tour with the Territorial Army before becoming a Chartered Engineer and studying for a Masters degree in Defence Technology. The majority of his later career has been spent serving in Germany and has included deployments to Canada, Iraq and Afghanistan. His last posting in Germany was as Deputy Chief of Staff for British Forces Germany delivering the Local Authority effect for a community of ten thousand people; including Schools, Health, Police and Social Work Services. He was a member of the MOD's Children and Young People and Safeguarding Boards and the Chair of the MOD's European Local Children Safeguarding Board. He is currently serving in Army HQ in Andover, as the Programme Director for 2 significant infrastructure programmes.

Colonel Thorne's 3 children are all currently Dukies, and his association with the School started as a parent in 2015. He became a Parent Governor and Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee in 2016 and feels privileged to now be the Chair of Governors, assuming the appointment in January 2021. He is a keen advocate to continue to work with the School, governors, Army and parents to champion the many successes of the School and seize every opportunity to improve it further.

After 22 years in Army Married Quarters, he and his wife and children have recently put down roots in Amesbury and all are enjoying exploring beautiful Wiltshire countryside. He is a keen runner, field sports enthusiast and rapidly becoming proficient in DIY and gardening.