



Conor Davis – Chair & Safeguarding Link Governor

Conor is a long term Wigan resident whose children have been educated in the Boroughs schools and colleges. Having taught in Wigan for a number of years, his career includes 25 years of Headship experience in 3 High Schools. He is fully committed to the principles and standards of Dean Trust Wigan and Dean Trust Rose Bridge and considers it an honour to be a governor. He currently serves as Chair of the Governing Body and is doing his level best to ensure that the staff and pupils of the school are fully supported in all that they do. He is also proud to represent the rest of the governors as their Chair.



David Rosbottom OBE – Vice Chair & Premises & Environment Link Governor

David is the Director & General Manager of Cables & Conductors Ltd., who since 1995 have offered marketing and business consultancy services to companies providing electrical and electronic products and construction. Prior to this he held senior positions with the General Electric Company of England Ltd., Delta Crompton Ltd., and then, as the director of CCL, management or consultancy services to Lamitref Industries - Lamifil n.v. (Belgium), Tratos UK (Italy), El Sewedy Electric (Egypt), TCH/DeAngeli (France-Italy) and currently ZTT International (China) responsible for supporting product and market development including sales, manufacturing, technical, development and quality management assistance.

Outside of work, David is or has been involved with local education in Lancashire (School Admissions Appeals), Greater Manchester and Merseyside at Primary, Secondary (The Dean Trust) and Further Education (Winstanley College) for over 30 years, as he believes that all children are entitled to the best education. To try and achieve these aims he also represented the sixth form sector at regional and national level as a board member of the AoC (Association of Colleges) and the SFCA (Sixth Form Colleges Association) respectively. David also enjoys sport and is season ticket holder at Wigan Warriors and a keen supporter of Liverpool FC both of which he enjoys along with his four grandsons



Mhairi Birchall – Governor

Mhairi is a mum of two and a local resident; having lived in the area for 11 years. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Heriot-Watt University followed by a P.G.C.E. in Secondary Science Education from the University of Manchester. Mhairi has spent her whole career working in the education sector. Her career started as a Science Teacher in an 11-18 secondary school in Warrington, following on from this she worked at the University of Liverpool in both the Geography and Chemistry departments. She is now currently employed as a Chemistry Teacher at Winstanley College. Working in secondary, further and higher education has given Mhairi a wealth of experience that she can bring to her role as governor. Finally, Mhairi strongly believes that everyone is entitled to a good quality education and she is passionately committed to making that happen.



Elizabeth Entwistle – Governor

Elizabeth graduated from Liverpool John Moore's university with a degree in English Literature and Cultural History, before moving on to gain a PGCE in English and Drama from Liverpool Hope University. She has been involved in Higher Education for 10 years, being accepted to the prestigious Future Leaders (Ambition Institute) programme as a Senior Leader, working to ensure equality in education no matter what the social or economic circumstances. Elizabeth worked as a Deputy Headteacher and an Educational Consultant in multiple schools nationally. She gained further qualifications in both Project Management and Quality Assurance, and went on to become a Director of ToolStore UK And ToolStore UK Wholesale, which is a growing and well established family business located in Wigan, where she was born and raised.

Elizabeth firmly believes that every child deserves to be inspired by their educational journey and to be encouraged to form a love of learning that ensures opportunities are endless for their future.



Carol Snape – Pupil Premium & Pupil Welfare Link Governor

A Mum of two Carol has lived in the Wigan area since birth. Carol is a health visitor and a qualified teacher. She has a BSc in Public Health & Health Visiting and a PGCE in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. As part of her role she has been heavily involved with quality assurance and audit, skills which will be beneficial in her role as parent governor. Carol is very interested in building the community's capacity to look after themselves and she has already helped start up some community projects. This is an experience which has taught her skills in negotiating, planning and fund raising.



Vince Groome – Governor

Vince has nearly 40 years' experience working in UK central government. He has worked for several large Whitehall departments as a senior civil servant and has extensive experience of delivering major and complex business change, working with government ministers and stakeholders. In the last five years he held the position of Vice President in Capgemini UK, a leading IT consultancy group

Hi expertise includes leadership and team building, stakeholder/client engagement, working with politicians, strategy and governance.

He has recently taken early retirement from corporate executive life to concentrate on his passion for photography (he and his wife run a small business) and giving something back to the local community.



Kenneth Wade – Pupil Welfare Link Governor

After studying electronics at Imperial College London, Ken worked in the computer industry and the gas industry before starting Pactrol Controls Ltd in a hen shed in Burscough. After moving to Skelmersdale, Pactrol became an award-winning public listed company. Pactrol is now part of a large multinational, and Ken went on to work with Merseyside Enterprise Board, NW Regional Health Authority, and several private and public companies before studying for his PhD at Manchester Business School combined with part-time teaching and being an examiner at Salford University. He is a mentor with the Prince's Trust and occasional author (*It's Your Money*).



Ross Shepherd – Staff Governor

Ross is a Physical Education Teacher and also the current Head of Year 8 at Dean Trust Rose Bridge, going into his 7th year at the school.

Ross's passion for teaching combined with understanding and implementing the schools principles and standards helps guide the pupils to reach their full potential and continue with further education.