

**MEMBERS**

**Jacqui Canton (Chair)**

Jacqui is Principal of Abingdon and Witney College and has significant expertise in education governance, alongside her leadership of an outstanding post-16 provider.

**Terry Stock**

Terry is a retired CEO of Vale of White Horse District Council and formerly senior officer in Oxfordshire County Council; experienced in special needs schools and academy governance and as chair and director of several trusts.

**Sam Casey-Rerhaye**

Sam is a county and district councillor with an extensive background in Strategic commissioning, contract management and budget management of services for adults, young people and children with substance misuse issues or who are in families with this issue.

**Gabby Barody**

Gabby is currently Abingdon Deputy Mayor and Town Councillor for Northcourt Ward in Abingdon; and provides a community and youth voice/ wellbeing perspective to the Member.

**Becky Dougall**

Rebecca is an experienced teacher and Headmistress of St Helen and St Katharine School, Abingdon, previously Head at The Royal High School, Bath and Deputy Head at Oxford High School. She has a deep understanding of education metrics, parental involvement in schools and branding, bringing all-through school perspective and education leadership. Becky brings an educational background to the Members group.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Jonathan Hopkins (Chair)**

Jonathan has long-established networks across education and public affairs on children, young people and families; previously Principal Officer of a teaching union and board director of **communications** companies; with over 15 years of school and academy governance and the National College leadership development programme, and Oxfordshire County Council's Schools Organisation and Admissions stakeholder group. Jonathan brings skills in **leadership and governance in schools and charities** to the Trust.

**Lynn Fathers**

Lynn is the Chair of the Compliance Committee and lead Safeguarding Trustee on the Board. Lynn has over 20 years’ experience in school governance in the academy and maintained school sectors. A qualified teacher, School Business Manager and accredited clerk Lynn worked previously in full time and part time teaching and administrative roles before serving in a variety of roles with Oxfordshire County Council and working as a consultant following retirement, developing and providing governing body training and governance reviews. Lynn brings a substantial **knowledge of education, compliance and governance.**

**Michael Nga**

Michael has a long and varied **legal career**, having qualified in both England and Wales, Malaysia and New South Wales, Australia. He is presently the Head of Legal for UK and Ireland at BMC Software Ltd (since 2016) and has also been the senior legal advisor at Oxford University Press, as well as working as a solicitor in the UK and Malaysia.

**James Browning**

James has **strong business and leadership skills**, and currently is **COO of** AET, **a large multi-academy trust**. He brings an in depth understanding of how to leverage resources to ensure teachers and school staff can have the biggest positive impact for their pupils.

**Jo Milsom**

Jo is Vice Principal at Abingdon and Witney College. After an early career in the financial sector, she began working in the childcare and early years sector initially but moved through the age groups until starting in the Further Education (FE) sector more than 10 years ago. Jo has experience and expertise in Student Services, Learner Support and Foundation Learning, safeguarding and SEND. She brings **deep knowledge of corporate HR, and SEND and disadvantaged students** to the Board.

**Dr Grace Clifton**

Grace is currently Chair of the Educational Standards committee. She is a Senior Lecturer in Education (PGCE Wales) with the Open University and brings this expertise to the Trust as well as her recent experience as a local Abingdon Town Councillor. She has served as a primary governor in a local church school. Grace has a **broad and deep understanding of all phases of education**.

**Heather Darcy**

Heather is an experienced teacher, initially starting as one of the first TeachFirst trainees, and now is Head of Sixth Form at St Helen’s and St Katherine’s School in Abingdon. She brings her professional **scrutiny and analytical skills** to the Trust Board having worked in a wide range of schools from very challenging maintained to the independent sector.

**Dan Young**

Dan brings **expertise in marketing** to the Board. As Senior Brand manager with Miele GB, Dan brings a perspective that is commercially driven, with experience in marketing, team leadership, commercial management, and propositions development across industries including **cyber security, technology**.

**Terry Watts**

An effective, high integrity **leader with extensive board level** (including CEO) experience in building businesses, from start-up to SME and multinational, multisite businesses in the private and not for profit sector. Terry has a track record of delivering transformational change at pace by winning the trust and support of people at all levels in the team/board. Driven by the desire to make a sustained and valuable impact and create **commercially sustainable, growing organisations**. Terry is the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes committee.

**Ian Behling**

Ian has returned as a trustee this year; after a year since leaving the board due to starting a new job. Ian provides **primary governance experience**, is former long serving chair of a local primary school and the lead governor for primaries in the Abingdon Partnership of Schools. Ian is also link trustee on Net Zero, linking with his professional work.

**Barry Jones**

Barry, as former chair of Rush Common Preschool, strengthens the **preschool and primary governance** on the board. With his **commercial and IT sector** **experience and skills**, he adds to the corporate expertise of the Board.

**Steve Fisher**

As current CEO of a SAT, and formerly a small MAT of a primary and secondary school, Steve brings **educational depth and strategic and school improvement leadership expertise** to the board. He has knowledge of both phases as well the strategic experience of running trusts. He is a welcome addition to the Educational Standards and Compliance committees.

**Associate Trustee** (sits only on the Compliance committee)

**Julian Thrussell**

Julian is Director of Information Security at BMC Software, the world's leading IT Operations provider, He providesadvice and **expertise in IT security and business continuity** standards to the trust.