

MEMBERS

Chris Wilmshurst (Chair)

Chris is a former business owner and property consultant; experienced in school governance; formerly Chair of Rush Common primary school.

Paul Brooks

Paul is a business leader and former Chair of a UK sector skills council; experienced in school governance.

Emily Smith

Emily is Leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council and an Oxfordshire County Councillor (Abingdon North Divisions); she is former development officer for the county council.

Diana Batchelor MBE

Di is Principal and CEO of Abingdon and Witney College, and a former head of community education, teacher and trainer; experienced in special needs school and academy governance. She was awarded an MBE in the New Year's honours list in 2020 for services to further and adult education.

Terry Stock

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

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.

Term of appointment: 19/7/17 to 18/7/21

Mark Rusher

Mark is the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. He has been a member and owner of Critchleys LLP since 1998, undertaking the role of auditor up to 2011. He has worked with a number of relevant education clients and has participated in setting partnership strategy and governance. He was a governor of Rush Common Academy trust from 2012-2014, where he was also the Head of the Finance committee.

Term of appointment: 6/9/19 to 5/9/23

Ian Middleton

Ian is Chair of the Education Standards Committee. He is an experienced teacher as Head of Teaching and Learning, and teacher of Chemistry, at Abingdon School, having begun his career teaching at Merchant Taylor's School, as well as being Head of Chemistry at Reading Blue Coat School.

Term of appointment: 15/2/18 to 14/2/22

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.

Term of appointment: 16/11/18 to 15/11/22

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.

Term of appointment: 13/2/19 to 12/2/23

James Browning

James has strong business and leadership skills, currently as Head of Digital Platforms at RM Education, having previously been their Head of Infrastructure Business and a career in Education Technology (Ed TECH) in a variety of strategic, operational, sales and product based roles.

Term of appointment: 8/5/18 to 7/5/22

Jenny Craig

Jenny is Vice Principal of Curriculum and Quality at Abingdon and Witney College. A committed and driven educationalist, Jenny has been on the Senior Management Team for a number of years and is responsible for improving and monitoring the quality of provision across all vocational areas. Previously Jenny worked for Barclays Corporate Banking and large scale projects.

Term of appointment: 2/11/18 to 1/11/22

Ian Behling

Ian has a strong background in both technical and business environmental sustainability issues, having joined Ricardo in 2015 as Principal Consultant, Energy and Climate Change He also has significant and broad ranging consultancy experience as well as being on the chair of governors for a local primary school.

Term of appointment: 2/11/18 to 1/11/22

Rebecca 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.

Term of appointment: 1/1/20 to 31/12/24

Kevin Moyes

Kevin is Human Resources Director for Save the Children International and formerly Oxfam. He is an Independent Chair of Interim Governance Boards, including Oxfordshire County Council schools, and is experienced in Diocese schools' governance. He is an external reviewer of governance and coach/mentor to chairs of governing boards, including small rural/village schools, and completed the National College leadership development programme.

Term of appointment: 1/3/20 to 29/2/24

CLERK TO THE TRUST BOARD

Rob Barron:

Rob was previously a teacher of English and Economics and prior to entering education was a programme manager for Prudential Assurance plc with experience of business change management and IT projects. He acts also as clerk to the local academy boards of Fitzharrys and John Mason School.