

KIMBERLEY COLLEGE GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES

Jonathan Billington - Vice chair of the WAT Board and Chair of Capital Strategy Group

Jonathan has a background in strategic financial management and was previously CEO of a sub-regional Economic Partnership. He has extensive knowledge of educational establishments having worked in FE and HE over a twelve- year period. He has also been a school governor within Bedfordshire Schools for the past twenty years, including being a former chair of governors at a local middle school. Jonathan plays a prominent role within the local community. Amongst other roles he is a trustee of a local charity in Cranfield and a keen member of the bell ringing society.

Susan Braud (co-opted governor since 2019) - Disadvantaged students link governor

Awaiting biog.

Bob Bunting (parent governor since 2017) - Vice-chair, Kimberley College LGB. Teaching & learning and governor training link governor

Bob is a freelance business writer/editor and communications consultant. He left BT in 2018 after 32 years' service, most recently as an internal communications business partner.

He was a parent governor of Castle Lower School in Bedford from 2006 to 2012, including two years as vice-chair. He was co-opted back onto Castle's governing body for the autumn term of 2015 to help finalise the federation with Newnham Middle School. Bob's elder son left Kimberley in summer 2019, and his younger son started the following September.

Bob's main interests as a governor are in communications with parents and the wider community, student attainment, listening to the student and staff voice, and governance issues.

David Clare – Chair of WUS LGB and Safeguarding Director

David Clare, a qualified electrical engineer, worked as a senior manager for large utility companies including having operational and budget responsibility. David set up an electricity connections business that became a division of a Morgan Sindall Group plc. More recently, David set up an energy consultancy business which has advised blue chip clients on a number of major energy projects, including flagship projects such as the Olympic Park and Kings Cross regeneration. David also formed Utility Assets Ltd., focusing on low carbon heat networks. David has been a governor at lower and middle schools since 2000. In 2011, David joined Wootton Academy Trust; he is chair of Wootton Upper School's Local Governing Board.

Peter Haddon - Chair of the WAT board and Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee

Peter is Chair of the MAT Board and an independent education consultant. Previously, Peter was for nine years, Headteacher of Holywell School, Cranfield. During that period of time Holywell re-established itself as a very popular school of choice in the area, raised educational standards for pupils and expanded its numbers significantly with further expansion currently continuing. Prior to joining Holywell, Peter worked for Bedfordshire County Council School Improvement Team, introducing the government's new School Improvement Partner (SIP) programme to Bedfordshire. From 2000 – 2005 Peter was Headteacher of St Bernard's Secondary School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Outside of education Peter devotes much time to supporting CAFOD and other organizations including Wrest Park, Silsoe.

Anna Harvey (parent governor since 2018) - Health & safety link governor

Anna is a school business manager at a lower school in the Wootton pyramid, and sees her role as supporting the education and aspirations of young people by raising standards for all.

She qualified for a Level 5 professional qualification in school business management during 2018 and is a member of the Institute of School Business Leaders. Before working in education, Anna ran a photography business and worked as a senior project manager in the telecoms industry.

Anna has been an active governor since 2008 when her daughter attended lower school, and has been a member of two governing boards during that time.

She has two children, one in Wootton Upper and one at Kimberley.

Renée Henry (appointed governor since 2019) - Inclusion and behaviour link governor

Renée is one of the country's youngest HR directors and is currently working across fashion retail logistics. An ex-Wootton Upper School student, Renée brings both personal experience of the trust and a wealth of commercial knowledge to the governing board.

Renée has been pivotal to the Women in Logistics programme that promotes the benefits and opportunities of the logistics sector. She has worked with colleges to raise awareness of the wealth of opportunity within logistics as one of the largest growing sectors in the UK. Renée is a CIPD graduate with a brother at Kimberley College.

Pauline Kendall (appointed governor since 2017) - Safeguarding link governor

Pauline has been involved in 16+ education for all her working life – as an A Level teacher, university lecturer and latterly as deputy head of a sixth-form college. She now teaches A Levels part-time and also works for a major examination board.

She is married to a retired teacher and has sons who also teach – all believing it is a great job with which to be involved. She is chair of governors at Holywell Middle School, representing St Mary's Church Wootton at that Church of England academy.

Her focus as a governor has been especially linked to the range and depth of the curriculum and the wellbeing of staff and students – with a particular focus on safeguarding.

Kirstie Loveday (parent governor since 2019)

Awaiting biog.

Phil Marquand (parent governor since 2017) - CEIAG link governor

Awaiting biog.

John Metcalf (appointed governor since 2020)

Most of John's professional career has been as a lawyer – originally a solicitor in private practice, then a barrister dealing mainly in employment and family law. The final phase of his career was as an employment judge dealing with cases including unfair dismissal and various forms of unlawful discrimination.

John found the ways in which different organisations work and how they tackle the issues facing them extremely interesting. John feels he can offer informed input and perspective into the trust's employment policies, procedures and practices and its approach to diversity issues.

John hopes to be able to contribute in other ways as well. John has been involved with Samaritans at Bedford for the last few years as a listening volunteer.

Michael Ridley - Chair Kimberley College LGB

Michael is a civil servant, working at the Department for Education on policy related to post-16 further education and college sector in England, including quality, accountability and governance. He has previously worked in a variety of policy and delivery roles in DfE and other departments, on issues including FE restructuring, better regulation, insolvency, pensions, consumer advice, utilities, aerospace and enterprise education. Prior to joining the civil service, Michael worked in a general management role in the container shipping industry for eight years, including two years based in southern Africa. Michael previously served as a governor at Castle Lower School, including five years as chair of the governing board. He has two children, one of whom attended Kimberley before starting at university, and the other is currently at Kimberley. He enjoys sailing, walking, cooking, and trying to improve his Spanish.

Harjinder Singh (appointed governor since 2020)

Awaiting biog.

Tim Warneford (appointed governor since 2019) - SEND link governor

Tim is an academy school funding consultant who aligns qualifying schools with available funding. He also seeks to identify inward investment to boost schools' revenue streams and ensure that schools manage their estates by the most economically advantageous means.

Tim holds a BA in Humanities and BSc in Building Surveying and has spent his life in and around the built environment – in particular the relationship between it and the opportunities it provides for the inhabitants to achieve their full life-chance potential. He is very much looking forward to fulfilling his brief as one of the trust's SEND link governors.

Tim is originally from Brighton, spent ten years in the Lake District, and now resides in Ampthill with his family.

Tim Williams – WAT Director

Tim Williams is Director of Tim Williams Consulting, a management consultancy specialising in Human Resources. Tim is a senior HR practitioner and leader with experience of working in the private and not-for-profit sectors. For over 30 years, Tim worked within blue-chip multi-national companies, most recently as Vice President for Human Resources for Pearson PLC's global Technology function and, before that as HR Director for companies and divisions within Pearson and Whitbread PLC. Tim is married with two grown up children and lives in Leighton Buzzard. He was previously a governor at Gilbert Inglefield Middle School for 10 years.