



Conor Davis – Chair

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 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

David is the proprietor of David Rosbottom & Company (Marketing & Business Consultancy) and Director & General Manager of Cables & Conductors Ltd. (Sales & Distribution of Electrical Conductors : Lamifil n.v.). Prior to this he held senior roles with Delta Crompton Ltd., as Product Manager and the General Electric Company of England Ltd., (GEC Cables & Wires Group) as Marketing/Commercial Director which also included being the director responsible for the Aluminium Division general management, including financial, sales, production, technical and quality management functions. Outside of work, David believes that all our pupils are entitled to the best education. He has involved himself with local education in Lancashire and Greater Manchester to try and achieve these aims. David also enjoys sport and is involved with Wigan Warriors and Liverpool FC – teams which both of his older grandsons are involved in.



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.



Ernie Howell – Governor

Before retiring Ernie was a Building Surveyor working in local government and the 'New Towns Commission' which included local education. Since retirement 14 years ago he has been a school governor in the local area and has served as a school governor for past 12 years on the Governing Body at Dean Trust Wigan formerly Abraham Guest High School.

Ernie currently serves on the Standards Committee, and as Vice-Chair for the Finance and Premises Committee he is also the appointed governor with responsibility for Health and Safety within Dean Trust Wigan, working alongside key school personnel.



Carol Snape – 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.



Kenneth Wade – 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*).



Paul Jones – Parent Governor

Paul is a father of two young girls and lives locally. His eldest daughter is a current student at Dean Trust Wigan. Paul himself is a former pupil of the school under its former name of Abraham Guest High School. From there Paul went onto study at Winstanley College and then on to University to study Exercise Science. He went onto work as an Exercise Physiologist at the Fire Services National Rehabilitation Centre. Following some further study Paul went onto work within the NHS working in Public Health and then Finally working in Early Intervention and Prevention within Social Services. Paul understands the importance of gaining a quality educational experience and feels that a well-rounded and happy education is the greatest tool for any young person.



Stephen Calderbank – Parent Governor



Andrew Cunningham – Staff Governor

Andrew is a Spanish teacher and the Head of Humanities at Dean Trust Rose Bridge. Mr Cunningham has been teaching at Dean Trust Rose Bridge for five years and he is in his second year of being a Staff Governor.

Andrew thoroughly enjoys working at Dean Trust Rose Bridge, he is passionate about the schools' improvement, therefore as staff governor he works as a useful link between the school and the governing body, providing his unique insight into the school and its pupils to support the governing body with the strategic development of the school.



Rachael Hogg – Staff Governor

Rachael has been teaching at the school for over six years, during this time she has been a teacher of mathematics, lead practitioner and is now the associate leader of the department. Through these roles Rachael has been able to share her passion for mathematics and help pupils reach their full potential. Rachael considers being a positive role model for young people important. She has formed excellent working relationships with pupils, which have inspired them to engage in school life.

Rachael lives in Wigan and attended local schools and Winstanley College as a pupil. She studied Mathematics at Durham University and then went onto to complete her PGCE at Manchester Metropolitan University. As a local resident, she is familiar with the area and is able to act in the best interests of pupils and the wider community.