

Governor Profiles

Marc Baker – Chair of Governors



I joined the governing body in 2014 as an elected parent governor and was re-elected as an appointed governor in 2018. I also hold the position of vice chair of governors. I work with HMI Probation which is the organisation that inspects the probation service in England and Wales. The probation service deals with all the individuals who are released from prison or who are referred by the courts for community rehabilitation, over 260k individuals last year. I have three children, two are studying at the academy and my eldest daughter is now employed as a solicitor. My hobbies include walking, ferrying children around, Chelsea FC and flying micro lights and other small aeroplanes.

Richard Osborn – Vice Chair of Governors



Having served two four-year terms as a governor at Gotham Primary School, I was keen to make use of the skills I learned there to help East Leake Academy's team. I have a very keen interest in the well-being and education of all students and frequently assist staff both at school and on educational trips. My interests lie mainly within the field of science and have previously taught informally about computing and astronomy.

Amanda Dziombak



I joined the governing body at East Leake Academy in 2017. I previously worked as a science teacher in another DALP academy, and continue to produce teaching resources and tutor students in science. I now work as a progression specialist for Causeway Education, supporting sixth form students with their options after school. I care passionately that all students are provided with the opportunity to achieve well during their school years and beyond. I live locally and my eldest son attends ELA.

Jayne Hadfield



I live in Sutton Bonington and my youngest son currently attends ELA. I am the Governor Support Manager for Derby City Council and was instrumental in setting up the governor support team for the local authority having worked with governors since 1999. I have also been commissioned by a MAT in Derbyshire to head up their governor services. I have a desire to ensure all students get the best possible education to enable them to fulfill their ambitions.

David McGarry



I relocated to the area with my family in April 2015 to take up my new role of Human Resources Director with British Gypsum, which is part of Saint-Gobain, one of the top 100 industrial companies globally. Within my role I support the development of the business for the future and it makes good business sense to build strong links with local schools and colleges to support the development of young people. I became a governor to further develop the already positive links between East Leake Academy and British Gypsum.

Nicholas McGowan



I live in East Leake and two of my children attend Lantern Lane Primary School. I am a Chartered Chemical Engineer, working in the renewable energy, waste water and clean water treatment industries and I have a passion for science and technology. I became a governor at East Leake Academy in November 2018 and I am keen to work with the governors and staff in the field of wellbeing and safeguarding of pupils.

Raj Tugnet



I relocated to the Leicestershire area with my family in July 2019 and joined the Academy Committee at East Leake Academy in September 2020. I have worked within the Medical Device & Pharmaceutical sector for over 20 years and been very fortunate to support the development and launch of various disruptive technologies to bring about improved population health. I am passionate about how education can improve the life chances for everyone and feel we have an obligation to improve the opportunities for our next generation. I hope to be able to support the broader work of governance and the Academy as we move forward.

Sharon Wilson



I am a chartered engineer working at Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK where I manage a team of engineers supporting improvements in our production processes. After four years as a governor of Costock C Of E Primary School I became a parent governor at ELA in December 2019. I am happy to be able to contribute towards the welfare and development of all students and staff.

Helen Zaffarese



I have had a connection with Harry Carlton and now East Leake Academy since 2000, when my first child came here. My other two children also came to this school, and all three were able to attend the sixth form achieving qualifications to allow them to attend university. I have also worked at the school for over ten years as a NNEB qualified teaching assistant, and then moving on to be the cover manager, to now being the curriculum support team leader. From my own experience as a parent and now as a member of staff, I feel very strongly about students being allowed to achieving their potential, and I hope I can support this by being a school governor.

Andrea Hewitt – Clerk



I have worked as clerk to the board of governors since November 2012 on the conversion to academy status. My role is to advise the governors on all aspects of governance, constitutional and procedural matters and educational legislation thereby supporting the board and the leadership team.