



Greenway Primary
& Nursery School



CHILTERN EDUCATIONAL TRUST

BIOGRAPHIES OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATE

RICHARD COLLINS

Richard has spent the most recent part of his career in the regulation of professional services; currently for chartered surveyors at RICS and previously for solicitors at the SRA. Prior to this Richard had worked for central government in policy and delivery roles. Richard lives in Berkhamsted where his children attend school and was formerly a Governor at Ashlyns School. In his spare time, he coaches junior rugby at Chesham RFC. Richard was awarded the OBE in 2009 for services to the administration of justice.

ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

Currently retired, Andy was formerly Headteacher of two Hertfordshire secondary schools (Westfield in Watford, and Roundwood Park in Harpenden); Head of Hertfordshire Secondary School Advisory Service; Director of Hertfordshire Building Schools for the Future programme; School Improvement Adviser for Luton; a qualified Ofsted inspector (though retired from active work); a qualified School Improvement Partner i.e. a SIP (Hertfordshire schools refer to this post as a HIP or Hertfordshire Improvement Partner); and spent two years working as a research medical physicist developing gamma camera technology. Andy has recently stepped aside as Chair of Governors from Ashlyns and supports his local village association as a helper.

IAN HARRIS

Ian is a chartered accountant with over 30 years of finance and accounting experience. He has worked in the profession, both in the UK and France, qualifying with Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC), and as a Finance Director in quoted and private equity backed businesses including Jessops plc, RAC, Welcome Break and most recently ten years as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary for David Lloyd Leisure. Ian, therefore, has a broad range of experience and expertise at board level across a range of companies and has helped drive growth as well as protecting businesses during times of recession. At the end of 2017, he took a career break and is now looking forward to using his experience in his role as a Trustee with Chiltern Educational Trust. Ian has personal knowledge of both the state and private education sectors and, in particular, of special educational needs provision within schools.

IAN McCAUL

Ian is the Chief Executive Officer of the Chiltern Way Academy Trust having been a Headteacher for over 11 years. Chiltern Way is an award winning specialist Multi Academy Trust Academy for boys and girls with social, emotional, communication and interaction difficulties (aged 9-19 years). During his career Ian has turned around a failing school, led a hard federation of schools and led his schools and the Academy through many successful Ofsted inspections. Ian is a speaker at international inclusion policy conferences. Ian is currently a governor at Westfield Primary School & Nursery and is acting as interim Chair of Trustees for Chiltern Educational Trust.



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ELIZABETH O'REILLY

Elizabeth qualified as a solicitor in 1987 with Blake Laphorn Solicitors working in their south coast and then London offices becoming a partner in 1994. She built up her own family law practice running a team specialising in high net worth divorce. As a partner she was involved in the strategic direction of the firm and was heavily involved in the management of the firm's London Office. She became a school governor in 2008 at Greenway and is currently Chair of Governors there although she will be stepping away from this role once conversion has taken place. She has acted as an External Reviewer of Governance for Hertfordshire County Council and is currently Vice Chair of Governors on the Local Governing Body at Chesham Grammar School. Elizabeth was awarded the MBE for services to education in 2017 following her involvement with the reorganisation of the education provision within Berkhamsted.

JAMES PERCIVAL

James is a chartered accountant and has 25 years' experience in professional senior finance roles currently working as Vice President Finance for Hilton Worldwide. He currently manages all financial operations for Europe, Middle East and Africa for Hilton Worldwide with experience of working in the UK and internationally. Having moved to the area seven years ago James became a governor at Westfield Primary School to become more engaged with the local community.

He has since stepped down as a governor to fully focus on his role as a Trustee of Chiltern Educational Trust and Chair of the Finance sub group.

MARCO PIERLEONI

By profession Marco is a chartered accountant. Previously Marco has worked as the Chief Executive Officers for HM Land Registry, Williams Lea and Maximus UK. He has also worked as Director General of Finance for the Ministry of Justice and Group Finance Director of the Vestey Family Portfolio. He has extensive experience in finance; strategic planning; business and corporate management and change management. Marco is a fund supporter of World Vision; has acted as treasurer of Dacorum Alzheimer's Society and Sunnyside Church, Berkhamsted.

LEON ROBERTS

Leon's teaching career started 22 years ago within a state secondary school where he taught English and history up to A Level. In that time, he has been a Head of History, Deputy Head (Academic) and Senior Deputy Head (Pastoral). In September 2015 Leon became Head of an independent preparatory school (540 pupils Co-ed aged 7-13) which sits within a larger Foundation that includes a Senior School, Pre-Prep and International School. The four Heads sit on the Executive Team along with a Director of Finance. Leon is currently acting as interim joint CEO. He has recently stepped down as a Governor at Bridgewater Primary School having been the Vice Chair and the Safeguarding Link Governor. Leon has had close involvement in all things cricket including playing for Berkhamsted Cricket Club; captaining Barnet CC 1st XI and coaching Middlesex CCC Colts.



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CLAIRE RICHES

Claire has a 25 year strong medical/scientific background and is currently working within the Pharmaceutical Sector managing Pharma/Partner relations. Sitting as the Executive within a Global Client Solutions team for a 24,000 head organisation that provides pharmaceutical drug development expertise, Claire's team provides expertise in partnership structure, governance and defining/measuring success. Having worked for pharmaceutical companies, medical charities and the pharmaceutical service industry alike, Claire sits as an independent on various executive governance committees to ensure effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to business investment decision making and oversight process. Claire moved to Berkhamsted 15 years ago and has three children all of whom have been or are going through the Berkhamsted state school system. She is currently a Parent Governor at Greenway Primary and Nursery School.

JAYNE TROTMAN

Jayne is a publicity and marketing executive in the entertainment industry with over 25 years of experience. She has managed large teams and has considerable HR and appraisal experience as well as dealing with media relations and crisis communications. Jayne is a Board Member of Watford Palace Theatre; acts as a volunteer befriender for Age UK Dacorum; is a consultant for Chicken Shed Theatre Company in North London; and acts a student mentor for RADA Drama School Students. Jayne was a parent governor at Swing Gate Infant & Nursey School and is currently an Associate Governor at Swing Gate.

MEGAN WILCOX

Megan has recently retired from a long career in the education and public sector. She commenced her career as a class teacher in first, infant and nursery schools in Nottinghamshire and later in Hertfordshire. She has worked in social care in West Glamorgan and Buckinghamshire in project leader roles to support early intervention and early help with vulnerable families. Megan has held strategic advisory roles with the local authority and latterly for Herts for Learning (HfL) with responsibility for quality and improvement for children's centres and 0-5 settings. Megan has been involved in governance in a variety of capacities over the past 20 years and is currently Chair of Governors at Oaklands Primary in Welwyn. She is hoping to relocate to Berkhamsted later this year, hence her interest in the development of the academy trust. When not thinking about education, she loves gardening, walking, reading and travelling.



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JOANNA BROWN

Joanna is Head of Training & Development at The Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, a CQC rated “outstanding” Hospice. In the seven years that she has been there she has established the training and development function and introduced values and behavioural competencies that guide and underpin the work they do. This followed 15 years working in training and consultancy in the not-for-profit sector (Housing, Local Authority and The Industrial Society). She has volunteered in schools since 2002, from setting up School Travel Forums at Greenway and Bridgewater to organising Ashlyns School’s 60th Anniversary weekend and co-ordination of over 200 Ashlyns students as “gamesmakers” for the Berkhamsted Games 2012. Joanna’s voluntary work secured grants and generated income for the schools. As a School Governor at Ashlyns from 2007-11, she served on the staffing committee and led the working group on school identity and new uniform. She has also served on the Dacorum Borough Council Standards Committee responsible for upholding professional standards amongst elected members.

NICOLA FULCHER

Nicola is a school business manager at a large primary school in Hemel Hempstead and is experienced in finance, HR and project management. She also holds the role of Data Protection Officer. Prior to the education sector, Nicola worked in operations management roles within the rail industry where she led large teams, managed contracts and was responsible for customer service standards and health and safety compliance across Britain’s biggest and busiest railway stations. Nicola has ten years’ experience as a school governor, four of which were as Chair of Governors at Victoria CE Infant and Nursery School.

MATTHEW PRICE

Matthew has lived in Berkhamsted for 15 years with his family. His professional background is as a chartered accountant. Over time, he gained significant experience of public company leadership and governance as a board director, financial manager and in general management roles (MD and Commercial Director). He was most recently Chief Financial Officer at Moneysupermarket plc (FTSE 250) having previously worked as Financial Director at Costa Coffee, Managing Director of Costa Coffee Asia, and Property Director, Retail Finance Director, and Head of Strategy at Sainsbury’s.

HELEN SIMPSON

Helen is a dispute resolution lawyer. She studied law at St Edmund Hall, Oxford University then trained and qualified as a Solicitor Advocate in the City at Linklaters. She went on to be a Dispute Resolution Partner and UK / Middle East Board member at international law firm Dentons. Helen acts as a consultant to the boards of large companies and charities. She is a CEDR qualified mediator. Helen is actively involved in Diversity and Inclusion initiatives across a range of organisations. Her voluntary roles include a community legal advice scheme; a project delivering literacy support into primary schools; and a Trustee at the national charity Sustrans. Helen is Chair of Governors at Bridgewater Primary School where she has been a co-opted governor since 2014.