

### **Karen Falvey (Chair of THLT)**

Karen has been a governor at NHPS for 21 years and served as Chair for 6 years. Karen is currently Chair of Trustees for THLT and has been Chair since its formation.

Karen has a degree in Pharmacology and worked in the oil industry for 7 years before taking a career break to bring up her 3 children who all went to NHPS.

Whilst working for Esso Petroleum, Karen had various roles in marketing and operations, and undertook a large amount of their graduate recruitment while on her career break. Karen is currently a partner in a consultancy which provides strategic advice to government and private sector clients.

Karen served as a business governor of a secondary school while working in Southampton, and regularly gave talks to pupils on the oil industry and women in business.

Karen is currently a National Leader of Governance and has undertaken several External Reviews of Governance as part of this role. She is also a part of the DfE Academy Ambassador programme and serves as a Trustee of a Trust in the North of the County. Karen has recently been asked to take up a Member role in a failing school as part of its turnaround.

### **Richard Edwards**

Richard was Headteacher of Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary from 1990 to 2013, leading it to become one of the country's highest achieving primary schools. Beacon status, two Outstanding Ofsted inspections, five Artsmark Golds, plus Foundation, Trust and Academy status were accomplished during his Headship.

As one of the first Primary academies, Richard advised other schools upon Academy Conversion and supported Sponne School in its application. Sponne later became an outstanding school.

He is also a member of the Headteacher Board, which advises the Regional Schools Commissioner for NorthWest London and the South Central Region. This brings together local and regional knowledge and experience when discussing key decisions relating to poor academy performance, new academy provision and sponsors. Richard has also been an interview panel member for Free School applications.

In addition, he is a Schools Admission Appeals and Independent Review Panel member for the Local Authority and Vice Chair of Governors of a village primary school. He specialises in school improvement, HR and finance matters.

### **Kameliya Harrison BA**

Director of Tearle and Carver Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers

After moving to the UK to attend University, Kameliya graduated in 2004 with a First Class Honours Degree in Accounting and Finance. She has a self-confessed 'unusual' passion for accountancy was already evident during her time at University, when she became an ACCA Competition prize winner for a Financial Reporting Paper.

Having qualified as ACA in 2007, Kameliya originally came to Tearle & Carver in 2003 for work experience. Since that time, her ambition and drive have been clearly evident in her ultimate progress to Company Director. With an insatiable curiosity as to what makes businesses and individuals successful, Kameliya strives to use this knowledge to constantly better Tearle & Carver, looking to the clients and team as the backbone of the business. Aiming for the same consistently high standards for herself and her team, Kameliya enjoys client contact and takes particular pride in Tearle & Carver's strong management and highly skilled staff.

### Victoria Warpole

Victoria is the Director of Collections, Exhibitions and Learning at The Silverstone Experience (TSE), a brand new visitor attraction located at Silverstone Circuit, funded in part by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. TSE is a Community Benefit Society and operates with clear charitable aims rooted in heritage and education. As a company director she contributes to the strategic direction of the organisation, developing and delivering programmes, plans and budgetary guidance.

Victoria has a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in joint majors Science and Education, and taught in a range of schools in the UK and abroad for around 13 years, before joining Bletchley Park. She has been a school governor, subject leader and NQT mentor, and returned to school to teach one to one interventions in a Lower School in 2016, before joining TSE.

Previously Victoria worked for Spyscape, a visitor attraction that opened in New York in 2018, as a consultant curator, and at Bletchley Park, for 10 years, as Director of Learning and Collections. At Bletchley she oversaw the regeneration and interpretation of a large part of the historic site, via an HLF grant funded project, and developed the education programmes to create a Maths focused service, highly recommended by teachers, lecturers and groups.

### Damien Reynolds

Damian has been a Governor with Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary School for over 13 years and as Chair of Governors for the NHPS Academy Board for the past 7 Years. He has worked in a Business to Business role for over 25 years. The strengths that he brings from this role are:

- People Management and performance management
- Finance, Budget Management and Development
- Strategy development and implementation

He is a parent of 3 children, all of which have been through the school and are now in secondary education. Damian is currently a Town Councillor for Towcester.

### Neil Patterson

Neil is an engineer by profession. Prior to taking up the role of Principal at Silverstone UTC, he was Chief Engineer at McLaren Automotive. His portfolio of projects includes the Mercedes SLR McLaren, the McLaren 12C and 650S coupe and Spider, and most recently the 570S. His connections to the industry and proven expertise in managing complex projects marked him out as a candidate for the role of Principal at the new Silverstone UTC. He was enticed into the role from a passion for inspiring younger people to enjoy engineering as he does, and from a frustration with the skills gap which is leading to business being turned away from the UK.

In his role as Principal, he oversaw the final design stage and construction of the new £10.5m building, the recruitment of a whole team of staff and development of a curriculum to meet the needs of industry, as well as developing a marketing strategy to ensure that sufficient students were recruited to the UTC. Alumni from the UTC enjoy excellent progression to university, college, apprenticeships and employment; the Formula 1 industry has taken on UTC leavers every year since it opened.