

Governance, Members

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 North-West 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..

Neil Patterson

Damian Reynolds

Governance, Trustees

Karen Falvey - Chair

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.

Chris Lofts – Designated Safeguarding Trustee

Chris has lived in Towcester since 1997 before moving in 2019 to Badby near Daventry with his wife and two daughters who both attended NHPS. Chris has a B.Sc. (Hons), Diploma in Environmental Health, Diploma in Management Studies and has extensive local government experience having worked as a Deputy Chief Executive until 2006 managing multimillion pound budgets and multi-disciplined professional staff in complex organisations. Since retiring Chris has been a Director of South Northants Bus Company and of South Northants Leisure Trust and is currently Chair of a local Mental Health Charity.

Chris is currently a District Councillor having previously been a Town and County Councillor and is now involved in the setting up of new local government structures in Northamptonshire. He has been a school governor since 2014. As a previous corporate parent, he contributes both knowledge and interest and to his role as safeguarding Governor.

Chris Nikel

Chris has been a governor since 1996 and has served on many Committees as Vice-Chair of Governors and has chaired Finance, Management, Remuneration Committees and Redundancy Panel. Previously Chris was the Health & Safety Governor and is presently the Finance Responsible Officer for The Hawksmoor Learning Trust.

Chris is a former owner & director & of IT Consultancy Company and is currently a free-lance IT Consultant specialising in SAP systems.

Previous experience and roles include Technical Editor and Senior Information Officer at British Standards Institute and Design Engineer and Technical information officer at a construction plant manufacturer.

Educated at Northampton (Town & County) Grammar School for Boys and at Imperial College, London (B.Sc(Eng)).

James Nicholson – Responsible Officer

Recruited from Academy Ambassadors Programme.

James is a Senior Management Accountant at The Open University – Faculty Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies. James is a highly experienced senior manager with leadership experience working in Higher Education. His key responsibilities include Risk Assessment; Financial Strategy; Financial Scrutiny; Analysis & Reporting and Resources and Team Management. James is a member of the Faculty Executive Board and takes a full part in strategic decision making.

Joerdis Laureyns

Joerdis is the Event and Recruitment Manager at RACELOGIC, an innovative, medium-sized company based in Buckingham, manufacturing GPS based technology in the automotive and motorsport sector.

Born in Germany, Joerdis studied International Management at Royal Holloway University of London.

After having worked in F1, she has settled in the local area and has since started managing a smallholding.

Joerdis had been a parent governor for 7 years prior, when both her children attended NHPS.

Jeremy Weeks

Jeremy is currently the Finance Director and Senior College Accountant for St Hugh's College, University of Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

He is part of the senior management team of the College responsible for operational and strategic decision making and implementation.

He has direct responsibility for the financial strategy and risk management of the College directly overseeing the finance operations and investment management. He has a wide-reaching role that covers all aspects of the College being directly involved in Estates, Development, Commercial and Domestic activity.

Prior to this role he held a senior finance position at the University of Northampton, for over 10 years, and has prior experience in 2 big four firms, KPMG, and Grant Thornton. At the University of Northampton, he played a key role in the project team overseeing the £330m Waterside campus project in the town centre.

He has lived in Towcester for over 12 years with his wife, son, and daughter.

Paul McCahill

Paul McCahill is a serving Headteacher of Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton that rapidly moved from requires improvement to good in less than 12 months. He is an experienced senior leader with 15 years teaching experience; 10 of those years have been spent at whole school level in three incredibly challenging schools.

As a Specialist Leader of Education for Secondary Education, his area of focus centres on Leadership Development, Quality of Education and Behaviour and Discipline. Paul holds a MA in Education Leadership and Management and NPQH.

Paul has a passion and keen interest in the need to reduce the difference in attainment and progress and the subsequent life opportunities between disadvantaged students and those who are more fortunate. He prides on never giving up on a teacher or a child; and often finds that the answer to a problem is the ability to look at it from different angles. Paul also is an advocate for reducing teacher workload and implementing systems that keep students learning at the heart of everything.

Paul is currently a coach/facilitator for the NPQH course as part of the Church of England Education Office. He also sits on the Strategic Leads and the Safeguarding in Education subgroup for Northamptonshire Children Safeguarding Partnership.

He has lived in Towcester for 7 years with his wife and two sons.