

Shires Multi Academy Trust Governance Pen Portraits

Members:

Rev'd Richard Clark - Worcester Diocesan Academy Trust (WDAT) – Rev'd Clark is team Rector of five churches in Redditch and a member of the Diocese of Worcester Bishop's Council, chairing the Board of Social Responsibility. Rev'd Clark is a Webheath Community Governor and is the WDAT representative on the members' Board to look after the Anglican ethos of Feckenham First School. Due to a diocesan reorganization, Feckenham will be coming into the same Deanery as Rev'd Clark's churches in January.

Mr Mike Thake - has been Chair of Governors at Studley High School for nine years. Mike has been involved in setting up the Shires Multi Academy Trust for three years.

Mrs Susan Molloy – Sue has 37 years' experience in Education having been a Teacher, Headteacher, then working for Tudor Grange Teaching School. She is currently retired and is a Chair of Governors at a primary school in Stratford upon Avon. Sue is really looking forward to being involved in this exciting adventure.

Mr Justin Kerridge – Justin's daughter has just left Studley High School having enjoyed a successful school career and he also liaised with the Principal whilst serving as District Councillor. He works in the care homes industry providing residents with exercise. Justin is also a former pupil of the School.

Mr Matthew Hickin – Matthew is a former pupil of Studley High School and has spent the large majority of his working career to date out of the UK. Having moved back to the UK four years ago he is now CEO of Calor Gas in Warwick and reached out to SHS last year to see how he could be of assistance. He brings his wealth of experience from the business world to The Shires Multi Academy Trust.

Trustees:

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Mrs Arabella Pasquette is an Engineer by profession and has been working in large multinationals in change leadership roles, currently working as Vice President in quality and continuous improvement for a multinational education company transitioning to hydrogen and low carbon. She has two sons and has worked in education for 3 years in Singapore. Arabella is passionate about education and is very excited to be involved.

Mr Lee Gray (CEO) - has been at Studley High School for six years; first as Headteacher, then as Principal. As Principal his role became very focused on setting up the MAT. He has been teaching for over 20 years and prior to joining Studley High he was at Tudor Grange, Solihull. Lee spent five years teaching overseas, having started his career at Chipping Camden. It seems a long journey to have got here, but Lee is excited as the MAT is brought to life and grows.

Mr Marc Worrall – runs his own Architectural Consultancy Business and has carried out professional projects over the last 13 years with both Studley High School and Feckenham First School. He is happy to bring his skills and knowledge in the procurement and buildings area, general administrative matters onto the Board. He is also a governor of Beoley First School, Chairman of Alvechurch Parish Council and Trustee of the Almshouses and Alvechurch Grammar School

Mrs Elaine Shelley - has been a governor with Studley High School for over 10 years, chairing the finance team for at least 8. Her involvement started as a parent of a pupil at the school. She works within a valuation team involving assignments for various multi national corporates reporting on a financial basis and for restructuring.

Mr Ian Dixon (WDAT) – has served as a governor at Studley High for nearly seven years now, starting off as a parent governor, with both his children going through the school. Prior to this was a governor at Astwood Bank First School and is currently employed as an Analyst for a local Children's Services Company.

Mr David Strain – is a retired Accountant. David served as a governor of North East Worcestershire College for ten years, and has served as a governor of Webheath Academy Primary School (WAPS) for eight years.



Mr Fraser Parkinson – has served as a governor at Webheath Academy Primary for about seven years and has one child at WAPS and one at Studley High School. Fraser is a Civil Engineering Planner, having worked as a Project Manager and in other roles in the Civil Engineering Industry.

