

Meet our Governors (in alphabetical order):



Connor Acton
(Chair of Trustees)

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I have spent the past seven years working at two city based secondary schools, having started my career as a member of support staff, in various roles, I am now teaching Computer Science, ICT and Business at Key Stage 3 and 4.

I am vice chair of governors at a Leicestershire primary school which is a part of the biggest primary trust in the city and county. I hope to be able to bring some of this academy and trust based knowledge over to Brookvale Groby during the exciting transitional period to one single campus and the expansion of the trust.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of the Brookvale Groby Local Academy Board and hope that I can provide both support and challenge, in the mission of both schools, to create the best life opportunities for the children and young adults of the BGLC community particularly whilst the educational landscape provides some of the most difficult challenges for schools in recent memory.



Helen Brown
(Chair of Local Academy Board)

I became a Vision Trust appointed governor in September 2013. I was elected as Vice Chair of Governors at the same time. Prior to becoming a governor I taught at the college for 24 years. My teaching career spans 40 years. I retired in August of this year and by being a governor of the same school I have maintained links with the college and with education in general. I have represented the Senior Leadership Team on both the Finance and Premises committee and the Teaching and Learning committee for a good number of years. In my final role at the college as Director of Post 16 I started with Mr Coles the first Student Governor Committee.

I served as chair of governors for my children's primary school for six years. Both my children attended Brookvale High School and Groby College and are successful in their chosen careers.

I continue to support the MAT by being a Trustee, chairing the local Academy Board and being a member of the Finance committee. I feel my background will help me challenge and ask the right questions to move the campus forward.



Steve Goddard
(Chair of Finance & Operations Committee)

I retired after 32 years working for Leicester City Council, I was the Head of Community Services for the last 12 years of my employment. I worked with communities and residents across Leicester encouraging people to access the network of community centres operated by the Council and to participate in a range of activities and events. I worked with a number of voluntary sector projects and supported a range of community initiatives.

I have been active in community life for many years. As a County Councillor for eight years in the 1980s and as a School Governor of various primary and secondary schools having held the position of Chair in several schools, most notably, as Chair of Brookvale High School from 2004 to 2006.

I am married to a retired secondary Maths teacher and have two grown up children, my daughter and son both attended Brookvale and Groby, before moving into higher education having received excellent educational opportunities at their secondary schools.

I am currently a Trustee at Kirby Muxloe Primary School and am also involved in a local group which presents bible stories in assemblies to 3 local primary schools through the Open the Book project. I am also a Trustee of the Clarion Education Foundation which provides supplementary education opportunities for black children and young people.

I sing in two choirs, Fosse Singers and Semper Singers and I am actively involved in the Committee of Fosse Singers as the Music Librarian and Media Relations Officer. I am a season ticket holder for the Leicester Tigers and Leicestershire County Cricket Club and enjoy watching most sports and also play snooker and darts.



Brian Jones

(Vice Chair of Local Academy Board)

I was appointed Chief Executive Officer at the SENAD Group in June 2006. Prior to this I acted as the group's Chief Operations Officer.

I have worked at CEO and Director level within local authorities, as well as the voluntary and independent sector. I have significant experience in the design and set up of high quality children and adult services across Britain. With this expertise, I lead the group in its vision to provide a comprehensive network of educational and residential care services, working in partnership with young people, parents and local authorities.



Peter Leatherland

I have worked in education for over seventeen years as a teacher, seven of those as a Senior Leader. During my time, I have worked in a variety of schools across the East Midlands, all with very different socio-economic backgrounds and challenges. I am currently Deputy Head at an Academies Trust within Leicestershire working across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

I have previous experience of governance within a Leicester City primary school where I was Vice Chair. During my time on the governing body, I supported the school through expansion and successfully appointing a new Head Teacher.

I am excited to be joining Brookvale Groby as a Trustee. I am looking forward to bringing my knowledge and experience, as the school strives forward valuing everyone and achieving excellence.



Bryony Leonard

I was appointed as the Local Education Authority Governor in December 2013. I elected to join the Finance and Planning Committee as I have an interest in how schools and colleges develop and how they face the constant changes to their operating procedures in light of Government changes and reform.

My current role is with a national Awarding Organisation managing a suite of qualifications for both Apprentices and people employed within the sector who want to develop their skills and knowledge. Previously I have worked for a County based Further Education College managing their Apprenticeship provision which included performance against contract and also for 2 private training providers within the County.

The opportunity to become a Governor in a 14-18 environment was of great interest to me as I see this as being an opportunity to develop my own knowledge to understand the challenges faced by all parents and children when thinking 'what next'. I feel that my previous experience will assist the College in maintaining the current high standards and achievements and help it move forward as policy and focus changes.



Josh Leonard

This will be my third year at Brookvale Groby where from the start, I have taught a mixture of Mathematics and PE. This was something that was very new to me, having originally trained solely as a PE teacher.

I'm very proud to be a teacher here at Brookvale Groby, where the school's motto is closely aligned with my own teaching pedagogies, and learning is at the centre of everything. For my staff governor role, I hope to be a voice for the teaching staff, ensuring that teachers' opinions and concerns are heard.



Tracy Moore

I have been working on the campus since June 2018, and in this time I have been inspired by the ethos of the school and the commitment shown by staff to all students.

In March 2014, I became a Parent Governor at my daughter's Primary School. I was part of the Finance and Business Committee, Achievement, Learning and Leadership Committee and I attended all of the full governing body meetings.

The school gained its second Outstanding OFSTED during my time on the governing body and I felt immensely proud to be part of the team that contributed to achieving this.

I feel that I will be a valuable member of the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus Governing Body.



Geeta Parekh

I joined the governing body in May 2019, and I am really excited about being a Governor and supporting Brookvale Groby Learning Campus to achieve their vision and encourage young people to flourish.

I have worked across health & social care for over 20 years, supporting vulnerable young people and adults. I started my career as a Youth Worker mentoring young people to help them to achieve their full potential. I currently work in Learning & Development and I hope to bring my experience in this area to benefit all young people with a special interest in how to best support the needs of different learners.



Michael Richardson

I have been a Parent Governor at Brookvale since November 2014 and a Trustee of BGLT since the beginning of the Multi Academy Trust on 1st April 2017, with governor responsibility for Safeguarding. I am passionate and committed to young people and believe that every young person should have the opportunity to succeed.

I have been working with children and young people across Leicester and Leicestershire with a variety of organisations and projects for over 15 years, including significant experience of working in schools.

I started my career working for the Student Support Service, moving onto Connexions; an organisation providing support for young people aged 11 to 19. I then moved onto Leicester Youth Services where I was team manager, then area manager and member of the senior leadership team.

I am currently Director of a company providing online safeguarding policies, procedures and E-Safety projects for schools and colleges and am passionate about the landscape of ICT and the role it plays in the lives of children and young people.

I have specialism in Safeguarding, risk assessment and implementation of systems to support Safeguarding within the context of working with vulnerable young people. I have significant current experience of developing and delivering training across a wide-range of agencies.

Both of my children are current students at BGLT and are enjoying hugely positive experiences as members of the community. I relish the opportunity the role gives me in delivering the best experience we can for the children and young people in our care.



Karl Stewart

I have been in education for the past 25 years. 12 years as a Primary Headteacher in Leicester City. I intend to use some of my knowledge and experience to support and challenge Brookvale Groby Learning Campus in providing an excellent education for all, and being a campus to be proud of.



Helen Stockill
(Vice Chair of Trustees)

As governors we have an important responsibility for helping to ensure that our school is performing well and is continually seeking to improve. I have been involved as a governor at Brookvale Groby since 2012.

I have over ten years experience working in and supporting school governance and I try to apply that experience and expertise in my role. My perspective of governance is also informed by my own experience of having children at the school. I feel this gives me a useful insight although I think my children would rather this not be the case!

Prior to becoming a self-confessed 'governance geek', I spent ten years working for a large national retailer specialising in finance and operations.



John Taylor

I am delighted to be a member of the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus. I am a National Leader of Governance; I have been Chair of Governors of both a local primary and secondary school, and continue to be an active school governor. I train, support and mentor governors from across the county. I have lead inspections for Ofsted in schools across the country. I have worked in large inner-city secondary schools at a senior level, including deputy headship. I spent 10 years working in national organisations, advising on the use of computers in schools and colleges, school leadership and change management, and was for a period of time seconded to the DfES. I am now an education consultant, working with schools and leaders on a variety of topics, including working with groups of schools and academies on self-evaluation.



Will Teece
(Headteacher)

I have over twenty years experience within education and have occupied a wide range of leadership roles in that time. I have worked in a variety of different settings, but much of my experience has been within challenging inner city schools. I have always found this deeply rewarding and have served some amazing communities. Before joining Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, I was Principal of one of the highest performing schools in the country and part of a large Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Within this MAT, I led Outcomes across the Trust and chaired the Principal's Development Group, working closely with the Executive Team advising on strategy. I also work for PIXL, a national organisation of over 1700 schools, seeking to develop and share outstanding practice within all settings and creating a brighter hope for the future for all of our children. Currently I work as a PIXL Associate, supporting several schools across the East Midlands and am part of their Strategic POSH Committee. I have supported a number of schools within my previous roles and am a firm believer in partnership work and collaboration. As Headteacher of Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, I am dedicated to ensuring that we offer the best possible educational experience to our students and to serve the community we are within.



Dr Ismini Vasileiou

I am a Professor in Information Systems (FBCS, SFHEA) as well as an Associate Head for Teaching and Learning in the School of Computer Science and Informatics at De Montfort University, Leicester. Leading the team on Information Systems, developing cutting edge curriculum giving attention to diverse teaching and assessment. I am actively involved in academic delivery at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, publishing on topics including flexible learning, security education, and technology-supported delivery. Passionate about EDI matters, I deliver a variety of invited presentations and keynote talks in relation to topics such as unconscious bias and stereotypes in STEM topics. I am also an EDI Advisor on the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association. I have previously chaired and led the Learning and Standards committees at other schools and have acted as Vice Chair of the Governing Body. I work closely with schools across England, through STEM events, local competitions and employer led events, to inspire and empower students of all generations.



Elaine Freeman
(Clerk to The Trust Board)

I began my working life with Brookvale High School in August 2007, as PA to the Headteacher. During this time, I have worked closely with the Governing Body and the Clerk, organising documentation for meetings, and being involved with the appointment of new governors. I took on the role of Clerk to the Governors in January 2019.

My main task is to organise the business of the governing body and to act as a source of advice on practice and procedures.

I have lived locally for over 20 years, and my own 3 children came to Brookvale High School and Groby Community College.

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