# **DUKE'S GOVERNOR PROFILES**

## **STEPHANIE TYRER**

# INTERIM CHAIR OF GOVERNING BODY



Stephanie has spent almost 30 years practicing as a solicitor, specialising in both personal and corporate taxation. She became interested in special needs education when one of her children was diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder, and now advises families who need to access special education provision and services. She also has extensive experience working with the DFE, having been part of a team which successfully applied to open a Free School.

Stephanie has been a governor at several schools, including the Anglo-American School of Moscow and Kensington Aldridge Academy (rated Outstanding by OFSTED). She has also been a trustee of Achievement for All, and is a director of the Achievement for All Multi-Academy Trust.

Oxford University (BA (Hons) Modern History); College of Law.

## **MONICA DUNCAN**

#### **PRINCIPAL**



Monica Duncan is Principal at Duke's Aldridge Academy. She joined the governing body after taking up headship in January 2009. She was a Headteacher in Lewisham for 8 years before coming to Haringey.

She has worked in education for most of her working life. Her teaching career began in Birmingham, then Coventry and Duke's Aldridge Academy is her third school she has worked in, in London.

Monica is passionate about education and enjoys the challenges of headship in urban schools. Her personal mantra is 'where there is a will, there is a way'.

ANTONIO MAIZE	STAFF GOVERNOR

#### **ADAM WATKIN**

TRUST GOVERNOR



Adam is a government official at the Department for International Trade where he leads a team managing major projects.

Adam joined the Local Governing Committee of Duke's Aldridge in September 2019 to bring his skills to an education context. He values the diversity of Duke's and wants to support the school in improving outcomes for all pupils.

Outside of work, Adam is a keen runner, cyclist and Liverpool supporter.

## **SANDRINE PAILLASSE**

TRUST GOVERNOR



Sandrine was born in France, and educated in both France and here in the UK. She has worked in education for twenty years, predominantly in the UK in state and independent schools, but also in Kuwait and Tanzania.

She has held senior positions in various girls' schools, including Queen's College, South Hampstead High School (where she was acting head for a term), and is currently Deputy Head, Director of Pastoral Care at St Paul's Girls' School. She is Head Elect of a preparatory school in North London, which she will join in September 2020. In addition to her work in schools, Sandrine has been a learning coach for the National College of Teaching and Leadership and the European Council of International Schools.

She is also a qualified and practising psychotherapist. Beyond work, Sandrine has spent many years volunteering for various organisations including Samaritans, St John Ambulance, and more recently as an NHS volunteer responder during the Coronavirus crisis. She is also a keen yogi and traveller, and loves discovering good places to eat both at home and abroad. She has a four-year old whippet, Manel.

REBECCA LEAKE		TRUST GOVERNOR

CATHERINE WILLIAMS		TRUST GOVERNOR