

Wilberforce Sixth Form College Corporation

Governor Profiles



Pat Mould – Chair of the Corporation

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Chair of Remuneration Committee
Chair of Search & Governance Committee

Pat has recently retired as a senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance at the University of Hull. Pat is a long-serving Governor and has been the Chair of the Corporation since 1998. Pat is a chartered Accountant and holds a BA in Modern Languages and MSc in Psychology. Pat's industrial experience includes Financial Director for J Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd and Corporate Finance Manager – Spicer and Oppenheim. Pat brings considerable financial accounting, managerial and educational experience to the Corporation.



Alan Foster – Vice-Chair of the Corporation

Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee
Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA) - NORVIC Governor Representative

Alan was previously General Manager of a very large supermarket in Hull and has been a member of the Corporation since March 2008. Alan brings considerable managerial and financial expertise to the Corporation. He also lives nearby to the College. Alan was appointed the NORVIC Governor Representative for the SFCA in 2012/13 and has since been re-elected; he is an active member, attending numerous Council and Committee meetings.



Colin Peaks – Principal

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Colin was appointed as College Principal in September 2018. Colin joined the college in August 2012 as Deputy Principal. He holds a BEd (Hons) in Physical Education with Art from Liverpool John Moores University; and has held several teaching posts in both Manchester and Hull since then. Colin has been connected with Wilberforce College since 1991 where he studied A-level Art and Design.



Stephen Brown – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee

Stephen joined as a Parent Governor in 2016. Until his recent retirement, Stephen worked as a Research Chemist and Technical Author for a large multi-national oil company, holding various senior research and managerial positions and was responsible for the development and subsequent management of the company's modern apprenticeship training programme. Stephen has previously served as both a parent and LEA School Governor in both Primary and Secondary schools within the East Riding area.



Jo Brownlee – Support Staff Governor

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Jo was originally elected as Support Staff Governor in 2011, and has been re-elected again in 2013 and in 2017. She has worked at the College since 2004 and has been the Student Services Manager since 2009. Jo is also the college's Lead Person for Child Protection.



Steve Cook – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee

Steve has been a member of the Corporation since January 2008. He retired in 2012 having been Headteacher of a number of Hull, Cleethorpes and Scunthorpe secondary schools. Steve lives nearby to the College and is a qualified teacher, starting out in 1970, and holds an MA in Organisation in Management in Education. Steve is a governor of a local primary school, being chair of the school's General Business Committee. Steve is also an Education Management Consultant and brings vast educational and school leadership experience to the Corporation.



Stewart Edwards – Teaching Staff Governor

Member of Finance & General Purpose Committee

Stewart was appointed as Teaching Staff Governor in 2016. He has worked at the College since August 2013 as Head of the Health, Caring & Early Years department.



Donna Fitzgerald – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee

Donna Fitzgerald was appointed to the Corporation in 2015. She is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Newland School for Girls in Hull, overseeing Teaching & Learning and Curriculum. She has an LLB Hons in Law from Leeds Metropolitan University and is a non-practising Barrister of Law and lifelong member of Lincoln's Inn. Having completed the GTP in 2007, she is also a qualified Teacher of English. Donna brings a wealth of educational knowledge with her to the role, including Equality & Diversity, Teaching & Learning and Assessment, Curriculum and Pastoral Care.



Chris Gurevitch – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Audit Committee

Chris is a retired local Councillor for Hull City Council and lives nearby to the College. Chris was previously Chair of Governors at Kingswood Academy, responsible for guiding the school towards Academy status. Chris has a background in SEN/Literacy/English, EMA and Ofsted, and brings considerable educational and local community experience.



Diana Hoskins – Independent Governor

Chair of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Diana was appointed as a Governor in 2004 and is also the Chair of Governors at a local primary school. Diana worked as a qualified Social Worker for Humberside and Hull City Council for over 12 years. Diana was an East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor for many years and is also Company Secretary for a local medical firm. Diana is the Chair of Quality & Standards Committee and brings considerable experience and knowledge in Governance and Child Care.



Stephen Hawkins – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee

Stephen became a governor in 2011 having retired as a solicitor in 2010. He began his legal career in local government ending in a senior position in Birmingham City Council. He then joined a major Birmingham Law firm as Associate Partner before joining Rollits in Hull where he was an equity partner specialising in planning and environmental law. He was also Deputy Managing Partner, member of the Management Committee responsible for finance, and Head of the Property Department. Prior to his retirement he was a partner at large international law firms based in Leeds and Sheffield. He has an LLB and an MA in Environmental Law. Stephen is also a governor of a special school.



Rob Morley – Independent Governor

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Rob was appointed as a Governor in September 2015.

He is currently the Syngas Production Team Lead at the BP Hull manufacturing facility where he has held operations leadership positions over a 20 year-period. Rob is an affiliate member of the Institute of Chemical Engineers and is also an internal British standards institute auditor.

Vacancy – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Further Information to Follow.



Jon Richardson – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee

Jon Richardson was appointed to the corporation 2016. He is currently the assistant principal at Winifred Holtby Academy in East Hull. He has a BA Hons in History from the University of Lancaster and PGCE from Leeds University. Jon brings a wealth of educational knowledge with him to his role of governor, including Safeguarding and Child protection, Quality Assurance, Risk Management and Teaching & Learning.



Paul Simpson – Independent Governor

Chair of Audit Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Paul was appointed to the Corporation in July 2014. He is the Assistant Group Accountant for William Jackson Food Group based in Hull. Prior to this he worked for Northern Foods PLC where he held several senior positions in finance and then IT. Paul is a qualified computer auditor and for ten years was Group Computer Auditor at Northern Foods.



Councillor Denise Thompson – Independent Governor

Member of Search & Governance Committee
Member of Audit Committee

Councillor Denise Thompson was appointed to the Corporation in 2016. She took early retirement from Hull City Council in 2011 having been a Training and Development Officer specialising in Supervisory and Management Development. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (FCIPD) She was elected as a Councillor with Hull City Council following the local elections in May 2016. Since her election to the Council she has been appointed as the Chair of the East Area Committee, Deputy Chair of the Appeals Committee and is a member of the Planning Committee, the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission and the Energy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Commission. Denise lives close to the College and is an active member of the local community