

Biographies for our Queens' Federation Governors

Richard Baldwin is a qualified ACA accountant and heads up the R&D Controlling team in AstraZeneca, where he has worked for over 15 years. In total, Richard has over thirty years of working in finance including experience in education finances. Richard sits on the Finance & Resources Committee.

Sarah Jarman is the Executive Headteacher and has been a Headteacher for 17 years and has a wide background in school improvement across a number of schools, including in London and Cambridgeshire. She is part of the Regional Leadership Headteacher Reference Group for the East of England. Sarah provides mentoring support to new Headteachers in the area and finds this very rewarding. She has two children, who are aged 5 and 11 and enjoys gardening and going to the gym, which she finds enables her to have a good work-life balance.

Phil Kirkman is the Director of the PhD in Education and manages external the School of Education partnerships at Anglia Ruskin University. Before moving to ARU in 2016, Phil worked for over 17 years in secondary education including as a lead lecturer on the secondary PGCE at the University of Cambridge, UK. Phil's professional activities focus on bringing together teachers, school leaders and academics to collaborate in developing great teachers and transformational school(s) cultures.

Sean Lang is Chair of the Governing Body. He has a background in teaching history, most recently at Anglia Ruskin University and for Cambridge University's Institute of Continuing Education, and before that at the Netherhall School, Exeter University's School of Education and at Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Form Colleges. He is also a playwright and Artistic Director of Boats Theatre Company. He originally joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor and is now a Local Authority Governor. Sean sits on the Standards & Improvement Committee and is a Safeguarding Governor and the link Governor for History.

Ambili Nair is a Co-opted Governor having previously been the Parent Governor for Queen Edith. Ambili has a background in scientific research, business development and alliance management. She has three children, one still at Queen Edith and is particularly interested in the teaching of Science and Literacy. Ambili is the link Governor for Science and sits on the Standards & Improvement Committee.

Harriet Phillips is a Co-opted Governor and is Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee. She has two children at Queen Emma School. Harriet has a background in university teaching and research in English literature, working in Cambridge and London. After retraining, she currently works in public sector financial audit. Harriet sits on the Finance & Resources Committee and is the Link Governor for English and Phonics.

Rob Hawkins is a Partnership Governor and is Curate at St James' Church, Wulfstan Way. Before training for ordination, Rob studied and taught Art History. He is interested in education in theology and the arts, and passionate about building community. He has enjoyed giving assemblies and curriculum visits across the Queen's Federation schools.

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Liz Gooster is the elected parent governor for Queen Emma Primary School where her daughter is a pupil. She runs her own leadership and executive coaching practice and is a Tutor and Faculty Member at Meyler Campbell, a leading coach training organisation. With a background in publishing, including heading the Financial Times business books list at Pearson, Liz is a committed lifelong learner and holds degrees from the University of Cambridge, University College London and the University of East London. She loves reading and travel, and firmly believes in helping every child to thrive.

Nicole Wilson is the elected Staff Governor. She has worked at Queen Edith for the past 4 years after graduating from the University of Winchester. She is the PSHCE lead and has an interest in mental health and wellbeing. Nicole is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and sits on the Finance & Resources Committee.

Richard Wilson is a longstanding member of staff at The Netherhall School and was deputy principal for many years: he still works part-time in a senior teacher role. He is a Partnership Governor and sits on the Finance & Resources Committee. Richard is the link Governor for Music and Chair of the salary committee.

Stanley Wilson has a background in construction and is a Chartered Building Surveyor with a number of years' experience in property maintenance and new builds, particularly relating to schools. He sits on the Finance & Resources Committee and is the Health and Safety Governor across both schools.

Ana Toste Rego is the elected parent governor for Queen Edith Primary School. Ana has been working in scientific research for over 20 years, beginning her career in Academia and more recently transitioning to the private sector, where she leads a team of scientists at a small drug discovery company. She has been managing and leading teams since her early adult years, not only in professional settings but also through her work with groups of young children. Ana is solution-driven and thrives on improving processes, building value, and shaping a vision for the future. Ana sits on the Standards & Improvements Committee