

## *Biographies for our Queens' Federation Governors*

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**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 20 years and has a wide background in school improvement across a number of schools, including in London and Cambridgeshire. Sarah has provided mentoring support to new Headteachers and finds this very rewarding. She also supports aspiring leaders by facilitating content for the National Professional Qualifications and their providers and has been seconded to support other school settings who may be facing specific difficulties. Sarah has young children of her own 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 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 is a chartered accountant and works in public sector financial audit. She has a PhD in English literature and in a previous life taught undergraduates at Queen Mary University of London and the University of Cambridge. She has one child at Queen Emma School.

**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 6 years after graduating from the University of Winchester. She is the Science lead at Queen Edith and previously was PSHCE lead. Nicole 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