



**Dave Bushell – Community Governor**

Dave was instrumental along with Tarun in initiating our relationship with Manchester United and continues to help the partnership flourish. He has worked at the club in different capacities for 25 years and has just started in the new post of 'Academy Player Liaison Officer', which entails introducing prospective players and their families to the club before they sign, especially when they come from a distance or abroad. After starting life at the club as Youth Development Officer, he has been Head of Education and Welfare for the past 20 years and during this time he has looked after the likes of Darren Fletcher, Jonathan Evans and Gerard Pique as well as the latest crop of young players such as Jesse Lingard, Marcus Rashford and Paul Pogba.

Over this same period as well as his education work and link with the school he has overseen the boys' accommodation and at one time looked after 25 host families in the Ashton area. Dave feels he has been so lucky as his time at the club has coincided with their most successful period winning numerous Premiership Titles, FA and League Cups as well as 2 Champions League victories and last years Europa Cup.

As far as Dave is concerned the school has had and continues to have a major part to play in the development of youngsters signed by the club. The education provided is first class and the ethos of the school has helped the boys improve their self discipline, social skills and overall character, while keeping them grounded. Although Dave has helped the club sign many players through the years he is adamant his best signing was completed in the 1997/98 season when Ashton on Mersey became the club's partner school.



**Phil Costelloe – Staff Governor**

Mr Costelloe was appointed as a Science Teacher at Ashton on Mersey Boys School from September 1975 and taught for over 36 years in various roles as the school expanded after amalgamation in 1981, until his retirement as a teacher in 2011. He was appointed by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Education as a Foundation Governor of Armitage CE Primary School, Ardwick in 1979 and was Clerk to the Governing Body there for 15 years.

In 1997, Mr Costelloe took responsibility for Ashton's Charter Mark Award and HM Government's Customer Service Excellence status, a task that he did until his retirement from teaching. Mr Costelloe took over the responsibility for Timetabling at Ashton in 2001, while he was still teaching. He joined the Business Support Team in 2012 on a part-time basis and continues to be responsible for Timetabling at Ashton, and assisting other Trust Schools with timetabling issues. Mr Costelloe was an elected teacher governor at Ashton for many years and more recently an elected staff governor. He sits on the WTLP Finance Committee.



**Wayne Edwards – Staff Governor**



Wayne Edwards has lived in Partington all his life - his family having been there since 1837. He has always been passionate about this community resulting in his joining many community support groups such as chairing Positive Partington TRA group and then joining the Parish Council, where he is now Chairman. One of his other passions is education, evidenced by serving on governing bodies both primary and secondary, for over 18 years.

He became a teacher at Broadoak School when Tarun Kapur and Andy Griffin saw an opportunity for him to engage the young people with vocational life skills. Outstanding training has resulted in not only himself but also the school becoming one of the most successful training facilities that helps all their candidates achieve their goals. Wayne is very proud of all Dean Trust schools which is why his children are educated there and have secured results never seen before.

**Victoria Hall – Community Governor**



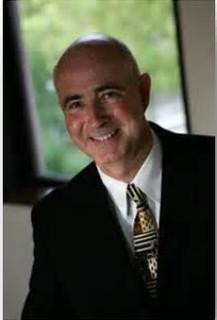
Victoria has worked as a HR professional in the NHS for over 20 years. She has experience across a full range of HR functions including employment relations, workforce planning, training, organisation development and change management.

She is currently Director of HR & Organisation Development for Saint Mary's Hospital which is one of 6 Hospitals in the newly formed Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, a leading provider of tertiary and specialist healthcare services in Manchester and who treat more than a million patients every year. Her main responsibilities include ensuring the Hospital workforce of midwives, nurses, doctors and other clinical and non-clinical professionals are well recruited, developed, engaged, supported and retained to deliver the highest quality patient care that they can in a strong culture of inclusivity and recognition.

**Belinda Hayes – Parent Governor**



After a varied career, including some time in the local council, Belinda became a director of STL Projects Ltd five years ago. As Business Development Director, she and her fellow director, are steadily growing the company as it builds on its award winning reputation. Belinda also established and runs a business group, Arriba, which works to support and encourage the development of local businesses. She is passionate about helping the children of the Trust achieve their full potential, by encouraging aspiration and positive modelling. She comes into the Sixth Form at Ashton to help students get work ready, and is looking forward to working more closely alongside Broadoak.



**John Lamb (Chair) – *Community Governor***

As an elected member of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council, John has been a councillor for 22 years. Currently, he holds the Executive Portfolio for Health and Wellbeing but has also held the portfolios for Communities and Partnerships and Adult Social Care and Health. Previously, John has chaired Trafford's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Health Commission and currently is a Non-Executive Director at the Trafford Housing and the Trafford Leisure Company. John is also a Trustee of Trafford Youth Trust. Prior to his appointment to the West Trafford Learning Partnership, John was Chair of Governors at a Trafford Junior School for about ten years.

John's consultancy work is in the private and public sectors and is varied. As an accredited peer member with the Local Government Association (LGA), John has worked with a number of Councils across the country on projects ranging from Adult Social Care Peer review, development of Cabinets, development of councillor ward working and development of Scrutiny.

An Associate with North West Employers John also tutors on the prestigious LGA Leadership Academy for Councillors. He holds the Diploma in Management Studies (DMS) and MSc in Management. John also has an Honours degree in History and in 2010 he gained the Institute of Leadership and Management Coaching Award.



**Gaynor Maas – *Parent Governor***

Gaynor was born and raised in Partington only moving away for a short period when she was first married. She has 4 children ranging in ages from 19 to 4 years. Since her youngest son became a full time pupil at school she has actively sought volunteering opportunities within her local community. She currently volunteers within a foodbank and another local food project. Whilst Gaynor is now a stay at home mum, her previous working career has always been in finance. Although Gaynor has no previous experience as a school governor, she is very active on the recently formed Parent Council at Broadoak. She is passionate about children and their well being, and hopes to bring her wealth of life experience as a mother to the role. Gaynor looks forward to having a valuable input in the lives of the community's children.



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**Katy McAinsh – Parent Governor**

Katy was raised in Iran and the United States and immigrated to the UK in 1999. She has one son at Ashton on Mersey and has just recently retired from a career in HR. She worked in a number of different sectors and has a wealth of experience in coaching and mentoring leadership teams. Previous to her career in HR, Katy worked for a number of years in the United States Air Force as a medic on C-130 aircraft. This is Katy's first time as a parent governor. She is very excited about the opportunity to be able to help the children within the Trust in achieving their goals and even goals that they currently think are out of their reach. She has a special interest in SEN. In her spare time Katy enjoys gardening and hiking.



**Lee McConaghie – Ex Officio (Headteacher – Broadoak School)**

Lee has been the Headteacher at Broadoak School for over three years having progressed from Head of English through to Assistant Principal and Vice Principal in a twelve year career journey at the school. Lee has been instrumental in driving change at all levels within Broadoak since the start of the West Trafford Learning Partnership (formed in 2006) ensuring that outcomes for the community of Partington remain strong whilst leading the school to both Good and Outstanding OFSTED inspections.

Lee has experience leading and supporting other schools in the North West as a representative of The Dean Trust and of a partner school's teaching school. Lee specialises in all areas of teaching and learning (leading teaching programmes across the region) whilst having experience as a consultant and lead teacher trainer on managing behaviour and raising standards. Lee has over eighteen years teaching experience and continues to enjoy the challenge of teaching GCSE English and English Literature in a successful department.



**Stuart McFarlane – Community Governor**

Stuart is a Senior Manager at a major UK construction company, Bouygues UK Ltd. He has responsibility for securing new contracts and supporting his teams in delivering outstanding buildings. He has recently been successfully leading an extensive programme of building new schools for another major UK contractor providing many fantastic new school facilities across the North West.

Stuart became a Parent Governor as the younger of his two daughters attended Ashton on Mersey School and was delighted to be invited to be a Community Governor. Stuart is the Chair of the Environment Committee where he is able to use his experience to support the maintenance of the excellent school environment both at Ashton on Mersey and Broadoak School in all health and safety matters. Stuart is married with two daughters and enjoys watching football and listening to live music in his spare time.



**Andy McLaren – Community Governor**

Andy is a partner in a firm of chartered accountants, where he heads the education sector specialising in the audit of academies and multi academy trusts. He is also head of the firm's SME department and the firm's training partner responsible for the recruitment and training of graduates and school leavers. Within this aspect of his role he regularly undertakes careers talks at the school.

Andy has been on the governing body of Ashton on Mersey School for over 20 years, having been chair of the finance committee throughout that time. He was one of the original trustees of the multi academy trust upon conversion, a role he fulfilled for two years. He has chaired various committees during his term, currently being chair of the West Trafford Learning Partnership finance committee. His leisure activities revolve around golf, sailing and fell walking, being a past captain of Sale Golf Club and a qualified International Bareboat Skipper

**Andy Mee – Staff Governor**

After graduating Andy worked in the field of Bioinorganic chemistry research for the Ministry of Defence and then at CAMR, Porton Down. He has been a Teacher of Science since 1997 with a brief period of financial derivatives trading in 2000-2002. He started working at Ashton on Mersey School in 2002 and while here he has served as Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator in the Science department and as a Head of Year. He now co-ordinates the training of Science teachers at Ashton on Mersey School and acts as a Mentor of Newly Qualified Teachers in his department. His interests are animal charities (especially dogs) and fitness and martial arts.



**Nadeem Mohammed – Community Governor**

Nadeem left Ashton on Mersey School in 1995 after completing his GCSE's – he eventually went on to study Automotive Engineering at University. After witnessing a serious crash he developed an interest in Forensic Collision Investigation. This led him into a role with a large international consultancy firm. His employer recognised his potential and supported him to study part-time on a specialist MSc taught course in Transport Engineering and Planning; and he went on to achieve Chartered professional status in the field of Highways & Transportation.

Completing a secondment to Qatar to help improve the safety of roads in preparation for the 2022 World Cup, he returned to the UK in 2012 and worked within the public sector at Transport for Greater Manchester. He was asked to comment on the Planning Application for The Dean Trust Ardwick, which encouraged him to learn more about The Dean Trust.

Being a governor enables Nadeem to give something back to The Dean Trust. He is the first person in his family to have a university degree and professional career and is keen for all pupils to achieve their potential. He spends his spare time with his wife and young son; following the British Touring Car Championship; supporting Formula 1 Driver Lewis Hamilton; and fair-weather cycling.





**Jamie Otter – *Community Governor***

Originally from Lincolnshire, Jamie has worked in Manchester since 2013. Working as an education lawyer for Browne Jacobson, one of the most prominent education firms in the country, Jamie advises schools and academies on commercial and governance issues. He is principally interested in how schools can collaborate to drive success.

Jamie is particularly keen to ensure that schools continue to excel and provide a supportive environment for its pupils to thrive. He also feels that schools should play a big part in local life, and continue to build strong links with partner schools and local communities.

Jamie has three daughters aged 14, 12 and 3.



**Rahmatullah Rashid – *Community Governor***

Bio to follow



**Andy Shakos – *Ex Officio (Executive Headteacher – Ashton on Mersey School)***

Andy Shakos, Dean Trust Executive Team member, joins the West Trafford Learning Partnership governing body as Executive Headteacher of Ashton on Mersey school. Before joining The Dean Trust in April 2017, Andy had previously been Headteacher of Manchester's largest secondary school for seven years. Andy has a comprehensive understanding of the local and national educational landscape. He has earned his reputation as a highly regarded inspirational school leader over many years of service to the children and their families in Manchester.



Andy sits on Manchester's Strategic Education Board alongside Sir Richard Leese and the Director of Schools. Andy is also a director on the Manchester School Alliance Board encouraging partnerships across Primary, Secondary, Post-16 and HE providers to enhance educational experience and progression pathways for young people in Manchester. Andy joins us having worked alongside Dean Trust leaders and staff over a number of years. He is excited by the prospect of supporting the Trust to fulfil our moral imperative to provide world-class education to all our pupils, regardless of prior achievement, experience and socio-economic background.

As a father of two daughters, Andy's core belief is that "if it's not good enough for our own children then it's not good enough for anyone else's" and it was this unwavering commitment to improving standards and outcomes that galvanised over 220 staff and 1900 pupils to Believe, Achieve and Succeed at Parrs Wood.



#### **Val Thorpe (Vice Chair) – *Community Governor***

Valerie is a former Cardiac Physiologist and practicing Hypnotherapist. In 1997 Valerie began her parent governor role at Ashton on Mersey School and continued this during the federation with Broadoak School, the formation of the West Trafford Learning Partnership (WTLP) and Academisation in 2012. As a Community Governor Val is currently lead governor for Pupil Progress and Achievement. Within the Dean Trust, Val is the lead governor for the Curriculum Committee at the two Partington Primary Schools that form the Partington Learning Partnership (PLP).

Val is married with two children, has a keen and committed interest in education and enjoys studying Spanish, reading and walking.



#### **Fred Varden – *Community Governor***

Fred has been a member of the Local Governing Body since its inception. His voluntary service to the community of Partington, and outer areas of Trafford, spans over four decades. He recently received the Tom Morris Community Award from Sale Rotary Club for his work with children and young people.

Previously also a local primary school Governor, Fred was instrumental in leading Partington Central Academy into The Dean Trust, and has a good all round knowledge of education at both levels. Within WTLP, Fred is involved with personnel, behaviour and attendance, and has attended many governor training sessions, to keep up to date with all matters related to his position as a Governor. Fred's main hobby is writing poetry, but also enjoys going to football and cricket matches.



**Paul Whitelegg – *Community Governor***

Paul joined the governing body in 2011 as a parent governor and when his son left school in 2015, accepted the invitation to continue as community governor.

Paul's background is in construction, with over 30 years' experience in all forms of construction, and across all sectors including education. He is currently employed as Lead Surveyor with a national construction company. He is a qualified Chartered Surveyor and is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

This expertise and experience enables Paul to take an active role in matters that involve the school estate and health & safety, whilst also offering general support to other members of the governing team. He is particularly interested in developing routes into construction for the students.