



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

Local Advisory Board

Louise Bouteiller

Trustee and Chair of the Local Advisory Board



I have lived in Grange Park for 16 years with my husband and sons.

My eldest son left Lydiard Park Academy in 2011 and my youngest son left in 2016 after completing his A levels. They are both studying at university.

I run a venue finding company with my husband, booking venues for corporate meetings, training, conferences and accommodation. We employ a small team and are based on the outskirts of Swindon.

I became a governor in 2009. I was a member of the Parent Council before & have always been interested in how the school is run. As a parent I like to be involved in my children's education and by being a governor I have a better understanding of the school, the education system and what we can do to help the school.

I enjoy being a governor as I have an insight into the decisions being made by the Senior Leadership and the reasons for them. We can discuss these decisions and challenge them when necessary. We can also make our recommendations/suggestions which we hope helps the school and the pupils.

Nicola Cox



I have been a Governor at Lydiard Park Academy since 2011 and have lived in West Swindon since 1998. Both my daughters currently attend Lydiard Park Academy.

I spent much of my career in Catering Management, although for the last 10 years I have worked as the Office Manager of a local primary school.

I was a Foundation Governor at Oliver Tomkins School for 9 years.

As a parent I am interested, not only in my own children's education, but also in providing challenge and support to enable the school to provide the best possible environment to allow all students to reach their full potential.

Jane Gourley

Vice Chair of the Local Advisory Board



I have two children at Lydiard Park Academy.

The eldest had some support from the ASD unit. They benefit from the school in very different ways, which reflects their needs and personalities.

My career has been in primary, further and higher education in various support roles. I studied for an Open University BSc later in life and am passionate about key subjects like science and maths in the curriculum.

My interests include knitting, crocheting and spinning and I am enthusiastic about crafts of all kinds.

As a Parent Governor I would like to help the school provide an environment in which all children can achieve the best that they are capable of, and where they can develop a lifelong love of learning, both academic and non-academic.

Marianne Tracy

As a mother and grandmother, and having spent my working life in adult education and in business as a Chartered Marketer, I am delighted to be a governor of Lydiard Park Academy.



For ten years prior to retirement I was an academic and consultant in defence marketing for Cranfield University at the Defence Academy of the UK; I also ran my own international strategic marketing consultancy which was an accredited centre for professional courses in marketing, sales and business development both locally and overseas. Prior to this I was a Senior Lecturer at Swindon College, working with local people and businesses to develop their marketing skills.

As my background suggests, I have a keen interest in supporting the Academy to help pupils develop both academically and personally to achieve fulfilling careers that they love and that will contribute to the economy and society as a whole. All youngsters have abilities unique to them and I am committed to aid the school in helping each individual achieve the future they aspire to.

Tracy Barker



I have worked in the Humanities Department since 1997. I started as a Humanities teacher and then as the Head of Geography before progressing to the Head of Humanities. Previously I have been the Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator. I have previous experience of being on the Governing Body as a Staff Governor. Previously a member of the Curriculum and students' committee now on the LAB.

Gary Pearson

Principal of the Academy



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I originally joined the school in 1996 as an NQT in the Humanities Department, teaching Geography at GCSE. I became a Head of Year in 1999 and saw the year group through to the end of Year 11 in 2001.

I then became an Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for the Pastoral Structure within the school.

Since 2005 I have been one of the Deputy Head teachers, referred to as Vice Principal, when the School gained Academy status and became Lydiard Park Academy.

With the growth of Park Academies Trust I became Operational Principal in November 2016 and in this role I am a Governor on the Local Advisory Board.

Lesley Stewart

Vice-Chair of the Local Governing Body



Having now lived in Westlea for the past three years, I thought it was time to give something back to my local community, having worked in the education sector for the last 18 years, I thought it would be a good way to use the skills and knowledge that I have.

Most of my career has been in Primary education, currently I am now working for a charity who enable young people of different abilities to prepare themselves for the world of work, which ever path they chose to follow, sixth form, University, apprenticeships or straight in to a work placement.

As a Local Authority Board Governor, I would like to help students and the school, fulfil their potential!

Geoff Bryan



I Joined Lydiard Park Academy in February 2014 as Network Manager, before becoming Trust Network Manager in 2017.

I've spent the last 15 years working with Education and Charity sector, with an emphasis on robust, cutting edge technology doesn't need to cost the earth!

I have joined the Governing body as a staff governor to gain insight into the higher level strategic direction of the school, bringing knowledge from day to day life and the challenges within.

I enjoy spending time my young family, renovating our home, live music, and travelling when possible!

Justin Robbins



I have lived in Grange Park since 2002 and both of my children attended Lydiard Park Academy. I manage my own business through which I help organisations, including schools, to communicate efficiently and effectively with their various audiences. I am also a British Triathlon coach and Head Coach at Swindon Triathlon Club. In this capacity, I work with groups and individuals to help them to achieve their personal triathlon goals through providing training plans and coached sessions.

I see my role as parent governor to be a fantastic opportunity to share my experience and passion for improving communication for the benefit of LPA; its teachers, parents and students. It is an important and critical role within the West Swindon community which I take very seriously and am committed to devoting as much time as my commitments allow to make a positive difference.