

## **MEMBERS**

### **Carole Bennett**

As a local resident of Dane End for twenty years, I am the parent of a child currently at the College. My other son left the College to go to university in 2024.

I am the CEO of HFL Education (formerly Herts for Learning), a not-for-profit organisation providing school, governance and business services to schools across the county, including those in Hertfordshire. HFL is the contracted school improvement partner for Hertfordshire Local Authority. Prior to this, I was the CEO of a 13 school, mixed phase trust, serving Church schools across four Local Authority areas. I previously served as a governor at Little Munden School.

I hope that my passion for our community, the work of the College and the wider education eco-system enables me to contribute passion, skills and experience to the College governance team.

### **David Paull-Wills**

I'm a former Secondary Deputy Headteacher in Hertfordshire. I also taught abroad during my earlier teaching career. My degree was in biology. I'm married to Ruth who is a former teacher and we have four adult children all of whom attended Freman College. All of our children thrived at Freman and have become confident and successful adults! I have now served on Freman Governors for ten years, firstly as a parent and latterly as a community governor. I'm currently Chair of the Curriculum Group and have taken up the role of being the link governor for SEND / safeguarding.

Since retirement I have worked for well-known National Charity and I was formerly Chair of Governors at Millfield First School. My interests include travel, photography and the performing arts.

As a governor I'm here to support the great work of the Head and staff at Freman. I'm very committed to the ethos of Freman and to the opportunities it provides for students both in and outside of the classroom which prepare students for life.

### **Jackie Martin (Chair of Trustees)**

I have lived in Buntingford since 1987 and until my retirement had worked for the local NHS for over 30 years. My two children attended Millfield and Edwinstree Schools and then Freman College. I initially joined the Governing Body of Edwinstree School as a parent governor in 1995 then when my eldest child transferred to Freman College in 1998 I applied to be a parent Governor here as well. I subsequently transferred to become Community Governor and have been chair of the Governing Body since 2005 also serving on the Resources and Curriculum and Personnel sub-committees. I have seen significant developments and improvements at Freman over the years and I am very proud to be associated with its continuing success in developing local youngsters to their full potential both academically and socially.

### **Julian Leigh**

I have lived in the local area for ten years, have two children and my son studied at the College until recently. I joined as a parent governor in December 2019 and served as the Deputy Chair of the Resources sub-committee before accepting the role as a member in September 2024. I have worked in senior finance roles in financial services and technology companies for over 20 years. I have always been impressed by the excellent pastoral system at Freman College and I am proud to be associated with what is a first-class environment to enable children of all backgrounds and capabilities to develop the tools they need to succeed in an ever-changing world.

### **Graham Bonner**

I have lived in Buntingford since 1985 and both of my children attended Millfield, Edwinstree and Freman Schools. I am a Buntingford Town Councillor and am currently Chair of the Planning Committee. I am a former Mayor of Buntingford and also take an active part in many other Town activities. I am Chair of the Buntingford Civic Society and also serve on the Chamber of Commerce, The Buntingford Relief in Need Charity and Buntingford Town Football Club. I am responsible for arranging the Town's annual Classic Car Show, Christmas Market and Christmas lights.

I care deeply about the Town and its future and am proud to be associated with Freman College. In my capacity as Governor I will do all that I can to assist Freman staff in their education and mentoring of Freman pupils.

## **TRUSTEES**

### **Lisa Jones (Headteacher)**

I started working at Freman in 2004 when I joined as an Assistant Headteacher. I became Deputy Headteacher in 2014 and previously held management posts in Hertfordshire and London. I feel very privileged to take up the role of Headteacher at Freman and look forward to working with students, parents, staff and governors to maintain and further develop the reputation of the college as a first-class organisation and important part of the local community.

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### **Susie Angus**

Hello! My name is Susie Angus and I have lived in Buntingford for the last 25 years, raising my three children and working within the community across sports clubs, schools & events, and local conservation projects to promote the importance of the outdoors, the arts, fair-play and inclusion.

**Sue Coote**

I have been resident in Buntingford since 1997 and served as a Governor at Freman since 2013 and a member of Buntingford Town Council since 2015. Both of my children have benefitted from our excellent three-tier education system, attending Layston and Edwinstree and Freman.

I am an advocate of Freman's pastoral system and the broad range of extra-curricular activities offered by Freman's dedicated staff. I am fortunate to have watched my son and daughter benefit in so many ways from their time at Freman and am proud to have the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development of the College

**Charlotte Claydon**

I'm a current (and former) parent at Freman College, with a son and daughter presently attending Lower Sixth and E Year respectively – my eldest son attended the school between 2012 and 2017. I have therefore formed a very strong relationship with the school over the last 10 years. I am also the former Chair of Governors at Aston St Marys Primary School and I still remain on their governing body. I became a governor at Freman College in September 2020 and whilst holding 2 governor roles simultaneously (alongside my work commitments) can be very challenging, being a governor is something that is very important to me and a role I find extremely fulfilling. Away from school, I'm currently the director of two businesses - one in the student exchange industry and the other within pet care services - both roles provide me with transferable skills that I feel are relevant to supporting the governing body at Freman.

**Wen Man**

I live in Buntingford and have three children. My youngest daughter is currently at Ralph Sadleir School in Puckeridge and my oldest daughter, a former student at Freman College, is currently in her second year at Emil Dale Academy Performing Arts in Letchworth. My son currently attends Freman College in the E year and hopes to stay on at sixth form.

I have lived in Buntingford for 13 years and love the friendly community. As my children grew older, I decided to join the PTA for 5 years fundraising and became joint chair at Layston First School in Buntingford. I previously worked at Layston First School and also at Freman College undertaking various support roles. Currently, I am a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at Ralph Sadleir School, coming into my eighth year and I am working with different age groups in specific subjects (Maths and PSHE).

My particular area of interest is well-being and mental health and I also support children with specific learning difficulties. I am a Trustee and I am on the Curriculum and Personnel committee. I have been a Parent Governor since April 2022.

**Sara Aguilar**

I have worked at Freman College since 1999, first as a classics teacher (teaching Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation) and then as head of department. As a Latin teacher I am very aware of the fragility of the subject at a national level, and have tried to keep abreast of what goes on in the subject by being actively involved with organisations which promote Classics teaching in state schools, such as the Cambridge School Classics Project, Hands up education and Eduqas, for which I am an examiner. I have always been very proud of the range of educational opportunities that Freman College offers students, and have over the years given my support to as many as I felt qualified for. In particular I have always supported DofE, in the past as the centre's coordinator and now as a volunteer. I have served as governor before and hope to be able to do so again with interest and dedication. Before I became a teacher, I did research for a PhD in Classical Archaeology at the University of Cambridge.

### **Mike Nicholas**

I moved to Buntingford in 1988 and a few years later started my own business (Nicholas and Knight Ltd), a food marketing and design company where I continue to work today. I also own and run an online food retail business. I have three children who all attended Layston, Edwinstree and Freman. Harry, the eldest sat A Levels in 2024 and is now studying Astro Physics at York University. The twins, Jack & Johnny will be sitting GCSEs in 2025. Before I was a parent I was an active member of Buntingford Cricket Club and Buntingford Town FC. More recently, my sporting endeavours have been limited to cheering on from the touch line as all three boys enjoyed success over the years with Buntingford Cougars. I have been a governor since 2020 and serve on the Resources Committee. Although I was educated elsewhere we enjoy a long family connection with local schools, my wife Julia (nee Emery) having attended Layston, Ralph Sadler and Freman.

## **GOVERNORS**

### **Gill Perkins**

I have lived in Puckeridge since 1978. I was a teacher for 21 years in a variety of primary, middle and a special school for 21 years. I became an Educational Psychologist in 2001, building on my specialism in Autism to work with children and families in a variety of provision across Hertfordshire and later Haringey Local Authorities. For the last 5 years of my career I worked as an Educational Psychologist for the National Autistic Society. I have served as a Governor in various schools continuously since the early 1980s in various capacities as Teacher, Local Authority, parent and Community Governor. My two children attended Roger de Clare where I served as a Local Authority Governor. When my oldest child moved to Freman College (then Ward Freman) in 1998 I became a Parent Governor at the school. Latterly I have served as a Community Governor. I am a member of the Resources Committee and for several years in the past acted as Chair. I have also served from time to time on Governor Discipline panels. I am proud to have been a Freman Governor for the past 19 years through a period of great change in Education and seen the school go from strength to strength, providing pupils with a broad and exciting curriculum, enabling them to pursue their dreams in whichever direction they wish to go.

### **Matt Grimley**

I have worked as the Network Manager at Freman College since 2005. Previously I had worked my way from Junior Network Engineer to the roll of Technical Director at a national Computer Network firm specialising in the education sector. I have enjoyed my time at Freman, working with some exceptional colleagues to improve the IT services available to our teachers and students. Additionally, I have, on behalf of Freman College been working with Edwinstree Middle School to maintain and improve their computer Network. I have enjoyed running a number of clubs during my time at the college and I also enjoy getting involved with the successful Freman College Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

### **Ana Vishnivetskaya**

I have been teaching both Biology and Physics at Freman since joining in 2014. Before a career change, I worked as a Postdoctoral research scientist in a multidisciplinary field of neurodegeneration, genetics and proteomics. I enjoy an academic challenge, so adapting to teaching across two subjects feels very natural to me. I also work as an examiner for Edexcel and OCR and as a PGCE subject mentor. I am looking forward to continuing with my role as a teacher governor since coming back from a maternity leave.