

GOVERNORS PEN PORTRAITS

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 Ian Marshall Chair of LGB	Community	<p>Ian has been a school governor at Lord Derby Academy and its predecessor schools since 2002. He became a Parent Governor when his two children were at the school as he wanted to help them and others get the best education possible. His children have now left school but he wanted to continue his support and has remained as a Community Governor.</p> <p>Ian believes that all children can achieve whatever they want to achieve and as a Governor he can help them along the way. He is a Senior Manager in the Civil Service and he brings his knowledge and experience of operating in this role to the Governing Body.</p>
 Andrea Hearn Vice Chair of LGB	Community	<p>Andrea has been a governor at Lord Derby Academy since 2011 and is currently the Vice Chair of the Local Governing Body. As a parent of pupils who gained excellent results, she became a governor as she feels passionate about improving our local schools and the community in which she lives and works.</p> <p>She is also a founder member of the Friends of Lord Derby Academy, which supports the school by running events and raising funds all for the benefit of the pupils. Andrea is proud to be associated with Lord Derby Academy and looks forward to seeing the school continue to flourish in the future.</p> <p>Andrea works within the financial services industry and feels that the skills she has learnt in her job have been invaluable in her role as governor. Andrea also uses the experience she has gained from a key role on a previous school PTA that she was part of for over 5 years.</p>
 Miss V. Gowan Headteacher at LDA	Ex-Officio	<p>Victoria Gowan is the Headteacher at Lord Derby Academy in Huyton. She has taught in Knowsley throughout her career, starting as a Newly Qualified Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages in 1999.</p> <p>Lord Derby Academy converted to Academy status as part of the Multi-Academy Dean Trust in 2014. Lord Derby Academy is a traditional school with an ethos of respect and aspiration. It is now a flourishing school and has been oversubscribed in Year 7 for the past two academic years.</p> <p>Lord Derby Academy achieved its highest ever GCSE results for English and mathematics and for Progress 8 in 2017.</p> <p>Victoria is fully committed to raising standards of education in the borough. She ensure leaders at every in the school operate to the highest of standards. She regularly attends meetings with colleagues in The Dean Trust and Headteachers at primary and secondary level as they strive together to ensure the best academic outcomes for all pupils. Victoria is also a member of the Knowsley Safeguarding Board, representing the Knowsley Secondary Headteachers at this forum.</p> <p>Victoria has lived in Liverpool for the past 20 years. In her personal time, Victoria enjoys the cinema, reading, sport and travel. Ventures over recent years have included Australia, South America (Peru, Bolivia and Chile), the USA and Jordan. Victoria always welcomes the opportunity to share these experience with the pupils. She is immensely proud of the school community and she and all stakeholders at the school are striving to ensure each individual pupil is able to follow a personal pathway to success.</p>
 Irene Tuzio	Community	<p>Irene's background is in project and programme management. She has worked in Local Government for 10 years and is currently employed by Knowsley Council. Prior to this, Irene had a 35 year career in the Civil Service, based in the North West, which included 20 years programme and project management. Irene is also a Church of England Lay Reader within the Diocese of Liverpool, obtaining her licence in 2013. Irene is educated to degree level having obtained a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management from the University of York in 2009.</p> <p>Irene was educated in Knowsley and lives in Knowsley. She is married with two adult sons and is a strong believer in social justice and the ethics of society in general. Irene is keen to play her part in shaping, influencing and driving education and training to support young people and adults across Knowsley to help maximise their individual potential, and to support the economic development of the area.</p> <p>Irene has been a school Governor since 1998 and she has increased her knowledge and understanding of school Governance through training and development over the years. Irene is Chair of the Finance Committee, Governor on the HR & Personnel Committee and Lead Governor for Safeguarding and Pupil Premium. Irene is also Chair of Governors of the West Hub Primary Learning Partnership consisting of Blacklow Brow School and Park View Academy.</p>
 Cathy Pearson	Community	<p>Cathy worked for the NHS for ten years as an Occupational Therapist, primarily in London and specialising in amputee rehabilitation. Since relocating to Liverpool, Cathy has had two more children, various volunteer roles and had run an award-winning design business.</p> <p>While volunteering at Knowsley Citizens Advice, Cathy carried out research on how hard clients found benefit letters to read- The Readability Project is now being used nationally by Citizens Advice. Cathy is now a trustee at Citizens Advice Knowsley. Cathy served four years on Knowsley Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board as Parent Governor Representative.</p> <p>Cathy has been a Governor at Lord Derby Academy since the building opened in 2009, initially as a Parent Governor. Cathy now Chairs the Curriculum and Standards committee and has completed the Local Leaders of Governance Development programme. She is also Vice Chair of Governors at Blacklow Brow School and Park View Academy. Cathy has recently qualified to be an adult tutor and is looking forward to teaching adult literacy and mental health</p>

 <p>Tina Cinnamon</p>	<p>Parent</p>	<p>Tina has 2 children, both girls, one of whom attends Lord Derby Academy and another who recently completed her education at Lord Derby Academy and now attends Sixth Form. She is also a parent governor for the joint governing body of Park View Academy and Blacklow Brow School. Tina currently works as a Teaching Assistant and as a Forest School Leader at an allotment. Tina does a lot of volunteer work and is involved in work with children of all ages and abilities, as well as working with members of the local community, young and old. In addition, she is now a qualified Forest School Leader.</p> <p>Tina wanted to become involved with Lord Derby Academy as her daughter has gained so much confidence and has come on in leaps and bounds since leaving primary school. She has great pride in her school and Tina felt that she wanted to be a part of that and give something back in return. Tina also became involved to learn more about the curriculum and understand how the school works.</p> <p>Tina continues to ensure that the children are getting the best possible education and enjoyment from school.</p>
 <p>Tracey Stansfield</p>	<p>Parent</p>	<p>Tracey has two girls at Lord Derby Academy, 1 in Year 9 and 1 in Year 8. Tracey also has an older daughter who has finished her education. Tracey's youngest and eldest daughters have ASD and varying health and learning difficulties.</p> <p>Tracey has, over the years, worked in various settings with young children and teenagers. Before her children were born, Tracey and her husband ran a Youth Club for 4 years for the local children in the Dovecot area.</p> <p>Tracey has, in the past, volunteered at her children's primary schools and been a member of the PTA groups. Tracey and her youngest daughter, Naomi, currently volunteer at the 'Kids Club' for young children in the Dovecot area.</p> <p>Tracey is a busy mum however, in her spare time she loves to cook and bake. Tracey particularly enjoys the challenge of cooking for the 3 members of her family who have celiac disease. Tracey is also part of a choir group that she attends on a Thursday evening.</p>
 <p>Mrs L. Holme</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Louise was successfully appointed as Head of Modern Languages at Lord Derby Academy in 2016, Louise has cultivated a very positive team ethos and she strives towards making differences to ensure each and every child in the school receives the very best education possible.</p> <p>Louise's ambition is to transform experiences, not only for the current children on roll at Lord Derby Academy, but also for children in years to come. Louise believes that as a Staff Governor, she will gain more opportunities to continue to raise and maintain high educational standards for all, whilst not compromising on her integrity nor objectivity. Louise is seeking to expand her knowledge so that she has a more broad perspective and understanding of the development of the strategic direction of the school.</p> <p>Prior to her teaching career in UK, Louise lived with her five children and husband in Spain, and worked as a Company Director of a successful language school. Louise enjoys travelling and learning new skills, she has a keen interest in the Arts.</p> <p>Louise's ultimate aim within her career is to inspire and provide young people with the same opportunities and aspirations that she had as a young adult.</p>
 <p>Mrs N. Speer</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Nicole has worked in various schools in Knowsley since the year 2000. Nicole currently holds the position of Higher Achievers Whole School Lead and has responsibility in Mathematics.</p> <p>As the Higher Achievers Whole School Lead, her main aim is to promote the love of learning and to ensure 'Higher Achievers' in the school improve their results and aspire to continue their learning in Further and Higher Education. Nicole is managing the process Lord Derby Academy is undergoing to achieve the NACE Challenge Award. (NACE- National Association for Able Children in Education)</p> <p>Nicole is also very passionate about Mathematics Mastery and is one of the 4 Teachers for Mastery Specialist in Northwest Hub Three, she regularly leads collaborative planning sessions with different secondary schools in the Northwest to improve teaching and learning for Mastery in Mathematics. By the end of the year, she will have gained a Professional Development Lead Accreditation from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).</p> <p>Nicole is fully committed to continuing to improve teaching and learning for young people in the community and providing them with better future opportunities.</p>