

**Ian Marshall – (Chair) Community Governor**

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. Ian was appointed as Chair of Governors in November 2018.

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.

**Andrea Hearn – (Vice Chair) Community Governor**

Andrea has been a governor at Lord Derby Academy since 2011 and is currently the Vice Chair of the Local Governing Committee. 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.

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.

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.



Miss V. Gowan – (Headteacher) Ex-Officio

Victoria Gowan is the Headteacher at Lord Derby Academy in Knowsley. Victoria has taught in Knowsley throughout her teaching career, starting as a Newly Qualified Teacher of Modern Languages in 1999. She has held the position of Headteacher at Lord Derby Academy for the past five years. Victoria holds the National Professional Qualification for Headship and the National Professional Qualification for Executive Headship.

Victoria is fully committed to further raising the standards of education in the Merseyside region. Her ethos is founded on an unwavering ambition for every child and her approach in school is traditional, progressive and inclusive.

Victoria is an avid supporter of Liverpool Football Club. She also enjoys the cinema, reading, sport and travel. Ventures over recent years have included Australia, South America, the USA and Jordan. Victoria always welcomes the opportunity to share these experiences with the pupils at Lord Derby Academy as she aims to encourage young people to recognise themselves as global citizens and to understand their place in the World.



Mark Bodha – Community Governor

Mark is very proud to join Lord Derby Academy in his first Community Governor role. He is particularly interested in the broader wellbeing and mental health of students, and believes that nurturing these is intrinsic to a good education.

Born in Old Swan, Mark has lived and worked in Manchester and London in software and new media. Mark currently works as a project manager for the BBC delivering technologies used by iPlayer, Sounds and other services. He is Chair of a local community choir and currently training to become a psychotherapist.

Mark is looking forward to offering his skills and experience to support LDA in nurturing confident, strongly educated young people.

**Fay Bruce – Parent Governor**

Fay has two sons at Lord Derby Academy. Fay has worked at the University of Liverpool for 15 years and is currently a Student Experience Administrator focusing on exams, assessments and welfare. She has also previously worked within undergraduate and postgraduate admissions as well as in committee services.

Fay believes that all children have the right to an excellent education and looks forward to supporting Lord Derby Academy in delivering this. She has a particular interest in both the academic and pastoral sides of education.

**Laura Moore – Parent Governor**

Laura is a parent of two children at Lord Derby Academy. Laura works for the Healthy Knowsley Service, supporting families to adopt healthier lifestyles. She feels passionate about raising the aspirations of children, encouraging them to thrive and grow. Through her own experiences of supporting her child with SEND, and having two higher achievers, Laura wants her experiences to help others to develop, encouraging them to embrace school life, both academically and through enrichment opportunities. Laura believes in enabling everyone to have an equal opportunity to be the best that they can be.

**Miss J Taylor – Staff Governor**

Jane is an enthusiastic, dedicated, energetic and committed member of teaching staff at Lord Derby Academy. Her current role is Head of Expressive Arts. She BELIEVE 's she makes a positive difference amongst the pupils she teaches and the staff she manages. Jane envisages a Staff Governor role as highly rewarding; enhancing her ability to relate to the wider school community. Jane constantly strives to find success and build confidence in pupils learning. One of Jane's strengths as a teacher is being able to celebrate success, share it with others and reinforce it. Jane is very passionate about supporting Lord Derby Academy to ACHIEVE their school mission statement. Being a Staff Governor allows Jane to work closely with parents, teachers, the Headteacher and other Governors to help drive the continued improvement needed to provide our pupils with the best chance to SUCCEED.

**Mrs E Jamieson – Staff Governor**

Elaine is married with three children and enjoys travelling (especially cruises!) and the arts. Elaine has been a teacher of Modern Languages at Lord Derby Academy since 2014, throughout which time she has enjoyed additional Teaching and Learning Responsibility positions.

Elaine is passionate about teaching and learning and aims to inspire pupils to become global citizens with aspiration and ambition. Elaine believes that being a Staff Governor provides her with further opportunities to improve the educational experience for pupils.

Steffani Wardell – Community Governor

Information coming soon.

David Maitland – Community Governor

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