



DENBIGH SCHOOL

Meet the Denbigh Local School Board of Governors

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Akhtar Jan

Chair of Governors

Curriculum, Achievement & Wellbeing
Board Appointed Governor



Akhtar is a parent of two children studying at Denbigh and has a keen interest in ensuring that Denbigh School continues to excel and succeed. She has a BA Hons degree in Business and worked in the financial sector for 10 years. The majority of her career was spent in project management, people management, recruitment and training. Akhtar has extensive experience in time critical projects, producing and implementing development plans and driving businesses forward. Since the birth of her first child she has chosen to stay at home and raise her family. She has undertaken voluntary roles at her children's infant school and has been a parent governor previously. In this role she participated in an Ofsted inspection and played a key role in developing and implementing the School's Strategy Plan. She was also involved in the performance management role of the Governing Body in terms of senior staff. Akhtar has a strong Business and Finance background bringing with her skills in strategic development and performance management. She was appointed as a Co-opted Governor in 2019 and became Chair of Governors in July 2022. She is now a Board Appointed Governor.

Dominic Wood

Vice Chair of Governors

Curriculum & Achievement Governor

Parent Governor



Dominic is a Director at BT, responsible for security governance. He has a very broad remit managing the security risks to BT (cyber, physical, IT, personnel etc.) in the UK and globally. Dominic's career in the security profession spans 25 years, where he has carried out a diverse set of security functions, in both an operational capacity, and is now in a governance and senior leadership position. He has extensive experience of team leadership and project delivery.

Dominic has two children at Denbigh and he fully supports Denbigh's aims, principles and values. He believes that the provision of high quality curriculum teaching, that equally values academic attainment alongside the creative arts, PE, citizenships is key. This coupled with extra-curricular activities and opportunities enable students to build personal resilience and reach their full potential.

Dominic is a graduate of Newcastle University (Geography BSc (Hons)) and he was elected as a parent governor in 2021. He became Vice Chair of Governors in October 2022.

Rhian Cusack

**Safeguarding & SEND Governor
Co-opted Governor**



Rhian has had a solid career across the IT sector, mainly in the Retail arena. Building successfully on her BSc (Hons) Degree and MBA, she has worked across the full lifecycle of IT, with extensive experience and specialist knowledge in Development, Service Transition and Integration, including Agile and Service Management. Rhian is experienced at leading multi-million pound IT programmes which successfully deliver robust solutions to underpin Business vision. Rhian has a wealth of knowledge and transferable skills across the Retail and Digital Leader arena, especially in the adoption of new technologies and cultural change. Outside of work, Rhian is actively involved with a local scout group and parent to a very energetic child. Rhian was appointed a Co-opted Governor in 2019 and is the Board's Wellbeing Governor.



Andrea Frame

Headteacher

Andrea is on the Local School Board in her role as Headteacher, a role she was appointed to in 2019. She joined Denbigh School in 2015 as a Deputy Headteacher and Maths teacher. Prior to that she taught at Walton High in Milton Keynes for eight years as the Director of Maths and Assistant Head. Before teaching at secondary schools, Andrea taught at university, including the Open University, for 10 years completing her PhD and Maths Degree.

Liam Looker

Staff Governor



Liam is an English & Media teacher at Denbigh. He has been in education for five years, three of which have been at Denbigh. Prior to becoming a teacher Liam worked in retail, customer service and Higher Education administration.

Liam is also the PSHE & SMSC Co-ordinator at Denbigh playing a leading role in developing **the School's Complimentary Curriculum** which nurtures students' wider understanding and concerns regarding the world beyond the classroom.

Liam was elected as a staff Governor in 2022 by Denbigh staff.



Gill Molloy

Safeguarding & SEND Governor
Staff Governor

Gill is from Lancashire and studied Home Economics with Dress & Textiles & Design & Planning at university in Manchester. After university, she moved to London working for Haymarket Publishing Ltd as an Accounts Manager. She then moved back to Lancashire, working as a Trainee Branch Manager for a Building Society in Preston. Marriage and a move to Hampshire followed while still working for the Building Society. Gill then took a career break to concentrate on building a family and also made the move to Milton Keynes. Gill has three sons. During this time she was a governor at her son's primary school. Gill then took the decision to enter teaching to show her boys the value of education. She joined Denbigh in June 2004 as an Unqualified Teacher whilst also studying for a PGCE with the Open University. She qualified in 2006 and became a Head of House in 2008. She was appointed Pupil Premium Champion in 2017 and added the role of Designated Teacher in 2018. Gill was elected as a staff Governor in 2018 by Denbigh staff and is the Board's SEND & Safeguarding Governor.

Pradeep Narayanan

Pupil Premium Governor

Parent Governor



Pradeep is a Chartered Engineer & Civil Servant. He has a child at Denbigh School. He became a governor to give back the skills he has developed in his professional career to the community, as he believes that schools are at the centre of the community. Pradeep believes that school is so much more than academic learning and brings this ethos to his role as Parent Governor. The recent pandemic has taught him that life is short and using his valuable skills for the betterment of our future generation is a way of expressing his gratitude to the community. Pradeep was elected as a Parent Governor in 2021.

Christopher Pitt

Careers & Trips/Visits Governor
Co-opted Governor



Having graduated from York University (Economics & Econometrics), Chris started his career in retail financial services, working for major corporate organisations. Then, having qualified as a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute, he gained an MBA from Loughborough University Business School and acquired senior management experience across multiple disciplines. Chris first moved into the consultancy market before entering the FinTech market (Financial Services Technology). Throughout his varied career, Chris has acquired a wide variety of transferrable skills including business strategy, technology design and deployment, change management, team-leading, commercial management, public speaking, sales and marketing. He is passionate about promoting the use of technology to broaden access to financial services and advice, especially amongst the young and the less well-off. Outside of work Chris is a keen club cyclist and enjoys long-walks with his wife. Chris was appointed a Co-opted Governor in April 2022 and is the Board's Careers Assurance Governor.

Neil Stickland

Pupil Premium Governor

Co-opted Governor



Neil is a Co-opted Governor, recently appointed to the Denbigh Local School Board. He is a grandfather to three, one in first school, one who attends Loughton School, and the eldest who attends Denbigh. Neil worked for his last company for 28 years, the last ten years of which were as a Senior Customer Service Agent. He now runs a small on-line business and enjoys DIY. Neil has considerable experience as a governor and is currently on the Loughton School Governing Body where his roles include Premises, Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Vice Chair of the Resources & Environment Committee. He also served as a parent governor at Lord Grey School in the 1990's and was Chair of the Premises Committee. Neil is the Board's Pupil Premium Governor.

