

Jeremy Hunns – Chair of Governors

I have lived in Hartford for almost 25 years, having moved to the area with work (ICI back then). I am a chemical engineer by training and after working for ICI and subsequently ABB in a variety of roles, I moved to National Grid where I am responsible for developing and managing the compression strategy for the Gas Transmission business.

I am a Lay Reader at St John's and involved with leading services and preaching there as well as being actively involved with three rural parishes near to Whitchurch.

Having benefited from an excellent secondary and university education I am passionately committed to an education system that allows all children to flourish and to achieve their potential across the whole of the ability spectrum.

My wife and I have three children, the youngest of whom attends Hartford Church of England High School.

Ruth Stanley – Vice Chair of Governors

A Governor since 2009 and a member of the Governing Body who was successfully involved in the decision to make the school a Voluntary Aided Church of England High School. I am currently Vice Chair of Governors and previously Chair of the Premises and Pay Committees.

Born in Northwich I spent 25 years in the City of London as a NatWest Corporate Business Development Manager and have found the challenges and disciplines of governorship to be most rewarding.

I am proud to be a governor at Hartford Church of England High School and will continue to be actively involved in promoting school value

Rev Mike Smith – Vice Chair of Governors

I have been involved as a minister at the high school since arriving in Hartford parish in 2001, including regularly conducting assemblies through the years. I was a Local Authority governor prior to the school's change to VA status and as the Vicar of Hartford now serve as an ex-officio member of the governing body. I have been a governor at the school for around 10 years in total. I am also Chair of Governors at Hartford Manor Community Primary school.

Tracey Lloyd

Tracey Lloyd was a parent governor at Hartford High school and became a Foundation Governor in 2012 Tracey is the lead governor for Child Protection. She is a member of Christchurch and works as an employed barrister.

Helen Barber

I have lived in Hartford for 30 years and am delighted to have this opportunity to support and serve Hartford Church of England High School as a Foundation Governor.

I currently work as the Education Officer at Chester Cathedral where I manage school visits from many and various schools as well as leading on Safeguarding. Prior to this I taught for over 30 years as a Secondary School teacher holding responsibility in both pastoral and curriculum arenas and teaching across all key stages.

Enid Barlow

I am a retired mathematics and science teacher who has worked in a variety of schools in Cheshire. I have been an active member of Northwich swimming club both as a swimmer and treasurer and I am now a keen supporter and volunteer with Northwich Rowing Club, giving me valuable experience of our young people. I have been a governor at Hartford for over 20 years with a keen interest in the finance and welfare of the school.

Claire Bentley

I moved to Barnton 15 years ago (direct after living in Seychelles!), and then moved to Hartford 6 years ago.

I have run my own HR consultancy for the last 10 years, having previously enjoyed a wide, varied and latterly international HR career working for The Post Office and HJ Heinz. I now work solely with Small and Medium sized local businesses, helping them with all things associated with the employment relationship.

I have volunteered for 2 organisations involved in bringing the world of work to students, attending the Northwich Pledge with Careers and Enterprise Programme, and Inspiring The Future, where I have been involved in Careers workshops (online) with schools during the pandemic, and previously, conducting mock interviews with students.

I am passionate about easing the transition from school / college / university to work.

I have only just joined the school governors and am really excited to become part of the team.

Chris Capey

Following my education at a Church of England school (Exeter Cathedral School) and Cambridge University, I began my career working at a corporate law firm gaining an insight into different aspects of property law. Having since moved into the education sector I now hold the post of Assistant Principal at Sir John Deane's College, providing the opportunity to deliver and shape the provision of outstanding education to the communities of Northwich and surrounding Cheshire. I am strong on data with a particular interest in teaching and learning, quality and strategic planning.

Phil Hesmondhalgh

I have worked as a Marketing professional for over 20 years. My family and I moved to Hartford from Essex in January 2020, where I had been a parent governor at Lawford Mead Primary School, Chelmsford for 4½ years. As part of the Finance Committee, I ensured the school invested its budgets wisely in resources that benefitted pupils and staff. In 2014, the school amalgamated and I was able to support the headteacher, staff and pupils during an intense period of change as new premises were built and school roles restructured. I therefore hope my experience will be beneficial for Hartford High School and look forward to positively supporting teaching staff, children and parents.

Matthew Hobson

I am 36 years old and have lived in the local area for the majority of my life, most of which was spent in Cuddington but now we are living in Hartford. We had been considering moving to Hartford for a while as we were keen to strengthen relationships both with our church family and the local community.

We have now been in Hartford over a year and intend for this to be where we raise our family. We have two children with the eldest being at Hartford Manor Primary School in the Reception class.

I am married and have been for over 10 years; we met and married at St Johns Church.

I have spent the entirety of my working life at Stanlow Oil Refinery after completing an apprenticeship which was sponsored through Shell, and I have been working as an operations maintenance co-ordinator there for the last 7 years.

Maurice McBride

I was born in Portsmouth and after school I studied Mechanical Engineering at Cardiff University. My first job was in the telephone industry working on the design team of the first push button telephones. After a couple of years, I decided on a career change and joined the Royal Navy as a Helicopter pilot. I served at all the Naval Air Stations, flew many different types of helicopters, served on several ships and saw a lot of the world. I also spent a lot of time teaching new pilots in the classroom, in helicopters and in simulators. I left the Navy after 16 years, although I continued to fly helicopters with the Navy reserve for a further 12 years, and went into civil aviation as an airline pilot. I flew Boeing 757s and 767s for First Choice flying from Manchester to all the usual holiday destinations and occasionally further afield. I retired 6 years ago. I moved into Hartford in 1990 and became a Governor as soon as my daughter started at primary school and became a governor at Hartford High School in 2002. I am currently Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee.

Heidi Nickson

I graduated from Cardiff University with a 2:1 in Business Administration. I joined my family business (Forresters) in 1996, and have seen the company transform from a turnover of just over £1 million to its current turnover of £50 million. Originally we had a staff of 30 people and primarily specialised in cutting raw chicken. We now employ 185 staff, and supply mainly fresh cooked chicken to the retail sectors (such as Aldi, Lidl and Iceland).

Forresters was and still is owned by our family. My father retired 8 years ago, and now it is run by myself, my brother and our Sales Director. As I have seen the business grow from its infancy, I have experienced all aspects of the business. I have spent time in Sales, Purchasing, Finance, Quality Assurance, Personnel and production. We are proud to be a local business, employing staff from our surrounding area. I love working with my team, most of whom have grown with the business. As I have spent many years in various departments within the business, I feel that my knowledge and skill set is very rounded, and may be of value in all aspects of school life and governorship. Running a school, is in many ways similar to running a business.

Tom S Nobes

I have lived in Hartford since 1970. I attended Hartford High School (back when it was Hartford Boy's School) from 1970 to 72. Leaving school at 16, I was an apprentice Instrument Artificer at ICI Wallerscote, later moving into the R&D Department at Winnington.

Then I spent almost 40 years in the nuclear industry in measurement, automation and control. My last post, I was Process Instruments Capability Leader (an internal consultant), retiring in 2020. My work was mostly at Capenhurst (Chester) and Sellafield (West Cumbria). During that time I became a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Measurement & Control. I also served on the institute's International Standards Committee.

I help run the youth club at St John's Church Hartford, and also assist in a number of other activities there. I'm a keen jogger and a regular at the gym.

I believe I had a good education at Hartford, and I'm very keen that everyone else should get that too. I'm also a keen reader into 20th century history and feel "learning from the past" is a much under-used tool in society today.

I'm looking forward to helping the school progress and hope I can apply my experience in a common-sense manner.

Lucia Osiname

My name is Lucia Osiname and I have moved to Hartford with my family four years ago. We joined St Johns, Hartford in December 2019 and have been regular worshipers since then. Before moving to Hartford, I have volunteered in children's ministry in a church in Manchester.

Since moving to England from Slovakia, nearly twenty years ago, I have worked in a pharmacy as a healthcare advisor. When my youngest child turned one, I decided to find a better work- life balance and left to pursue further education. Since then, I have obtained BA in History and finished with a Master's degree in Public History and Heritage.

I believe in developing good reading habits from an early age and applying the skill of critical thinking to everyday life. No question is too big. I also believe that every child should have access to a great education, regardless of their situation. I hope that I can make a positive contribution to the school.

Revd Carol Seddon

I have always had a strong interest in education and I began my working life as a full time secondary school music teacher, During this time I married David and we had four children. In order to gain more flexibility in my life, I started my own music teaching and performing business. Twenty years ago I went into prison ministry where I worked with young offenders as a full time chaplain. Nine years ago I transferred into parish ministry and became Vicar at Holy Trinity and St Luke's Northwich. During this time I have visited Hartford Church of England High School to take assemblies and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the pupils

I have always been aware of the challenges of educating people of all ages. The world and its demands are constantly changing and challenging us. For me the role of those who seek to bring the benefits of a good education to others must include understanding the culture and needs of those we are teaching but also seeking to expand these horizons. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Revd Carol Seddon
Vicar of Holy Trinity Castle

Helen Turner

As Director of English at Hartford Church of England High School, I have the pleasure of working with our students and staff on a daily basis. I have lived in Hartford for two years now, having moved to the area as my husband works at another local secondary school. Previously, I have worked in a variety of schools across the North West, from inner city Manchester to St. Helens. Having lived and worked across the country, I can confidently say that Hartford is a lovely, welcoming community, which I feel privileged to be part of.

Having enjoyed my own secondary and higher education immensely, I am passionate about ensuring our students feel the same, and helping each and every one of them to leave us with the social skills, resilience, and academic qualifications necessary for success.

My husband and I have twin boys who currently attend an excellent Hartford nursery, and who I hope in the (albeit distant) future will go on to study at Hartford Church of England High School.