

The Prospect Trust

Tomlinscote School - Academy Quality Council

Ray Coyne: Independent Councillor, Chair of Academy Quality Council

Ray is a Chartered Accountant with a varied experience working in the commercial sector. Currently he is a Finance Director for the trade body for the coach and bus industry. Ray became a Parent Governor when he had three children at the school and continues as a Community Councillor, with the aim of helping maintain the standard of education that served them so well.

Philip Mann, Independent Councillor, Vice Chair of Academy Quality Council

Philip is passionate about all matters pertaining to the sound running of the school and welfare of the students. A Police Officer by profession, he has a wide range of skills and experience to offer the school. Philip was elected to the position of Parent Governor in December 2013 and sees his appointment as a privilege, to help maintain the current high standards of Tomlinscote and to ensure a safe environment for our children so they can learn with confidence.

Colin Cavan, Independent Councillor

Colin applied for this appointment because he has a very strong interest in supporting Tomlinscote School and Sixth Form College to provide the very best education possible to all children including his sons, who attend the school. His commercial career with BP Group plc has spanned over 32 years after joining from University and he now really wants to contribute to supporting our school in providing the best possible opportunity to all of our pupils and helping to prepare them for an ever more competitive jobs market in the future.

Rebecca Davis, Parent Councillor

Rebecca is a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney who, after more than 25 years working in City law firms, set up her own legal practice in 2017. Rebecca became a Parent Governor in 2018 and has a daughter at Tomlinscote and another daughter due to join the school shortly. She became involved with the Board since she wanted to learn more about how the school works and to utilise her legal and business experience to help ensure that Tomlinscote continues to improve upon the very high standards it has already achieved and to give all of our children the best possible opportunities in life.

Helen Ellis, Staff Councillor

Helen was elected by the school staff in October 2018. She fundamentally believes that schools play an intrinsic role in shaping future generations and that therefore the role of Councillor is vital in ensuring that students in Tomlinscote get the best deal possible in terms of their education and wellbeing, whilst safeguarding staff and their wellbeing.

Muir Laurie, Independent Councillor

Muir is a Chartered Certified Accountant and Chartered Internal Auditor currently working in the public sector in London. He has over 20 years' experience of providing a range of assurance services and governance advice to a variety of schools across the South East. Muir is passionate about the positive effect a good education can have on childrens' lives and he hopes to help Tomlinscote continue to improve over the coming years.

Heather O'Connor, Parent Councillor

An ex-student of Tomlinscote herself, Heather's own children have now recently left the school, so she feels she knows and cares about the school a lot! Heather is hoping her 20 years-plus experience as a secondary school teacher, in both state and independent sectors, will be useful in the AQC.

As a regular attendee of the Parental Forum, Heather is well aware of the concerns parents have, especially in understanding how best to support their child in the light of the new and rather daunting educational reforms we face.

Leon Rayner, Staff Councillor

Leon joined Tomlinscote in 2013 as an NQT and is now our Head of Music. In addition to his teaching, Leon has been responsible for the integration of iPads within music lessons and the overall improvement of facilities throughout the Music Department. Outside of this, Leon has been involved in a number of developments across the school, such as the improvement of current school systems and Teaching and Learning. Outside of school, Leon likes to go on walks, partake on the occasional park run, spend time with friends, game, compose music, enjoy a variety of gins and dabble with gadgets and other technologies. Leon believes in representing the staff voice where appropriate and continues to help drive the school ethos, 'Inspired to Learn'

Maite Roel, Independent Councillor

Maite is Spanish and has been living in the UK since 2008. Maite's own children have attended the school, which has given her a good insight as to how our children are educated. Maite has a master in Maths and has spent her full career in IT, the first 8 years in IT Consulting and since then in sales. Maite has had different leadership roles and currently is leading the Small and Medium Enterprise Sales for Europe at her company. Maite loves swimming and animals, in particular dogs.

Prof. Annette Sterr PhD, Independent Councillor

Annette joined our Governing Body in September 2012. A research ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, Annette has served on the Trustee Board of Disability Initiative, Camberley, since 2006. Currently working at the University of Surrey, led the Department of Psychology from 2006-2011, serving as Associate Dean International from 2009-11. Annette is also interested in education and Special Needs and will bring a wealth of wisdom and experience to her role on the AQC.