

Name:	<i>Tracey Baxter</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>08.11.2021</i>	Office Expires:	<i>07.11.2025</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Science Consultant (Education)</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have worked in education for my whole career, firstly as a secondary science teacher and then as a Local Authority Science Consultant. I am now an independent science consultant working with schools and science CPD providers across the country. I also write science textbooks and resources.</i></p> <p><i>Education is a passion because I see the difference that good teachers and good schools can make, not only to a student's academic success but also to their experiences, opportunities and life choices.</i></p> <p><i>I have two great boys who make anything worthwhile! Both of my sons attended/ currently attend Woodchurch High School.</i></p> <p><i>I also enjoy exercising, baking and getting out and about with our two beautiful dogs.</i></p>					
Other Governing Bodies:					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Director – Tracey Baxter Consultancy Services Ltd</i> <i>Husband teaches at WHS, son attends WHS.</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Beverly Cowley</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>12.11.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>11.11.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Family Liaison Officer</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I currently work full time as a Family Liaison Officer and Safeguarding Lead at a large local primary school. Within my role I facilitate the Nurture Programme, supporting families to implement positive behavioural strategies at home and in the community.</i></p> <p><i>I am the link between families and external professionals/agencies. Supporting families by signposting and completing short term brief interventions.</i></p> <p><i>My qualifications are in Child Development and working with parents and children with complex needs.</i></p>					
Other Governing Bodies:					
<i>None</i>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Employment – Bidston Village Primary</i></p>					

Name:	<i>David Cumberland</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>08.11.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>07.11.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Executive Dean</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum (Chair)</i>	

A little about myself:

Having started my career in the Primary sector I moved to teaching in Secondary schools as a History specialist, spending a number of years as a Head of Department and as a Head of a large sixth form.

I have worked extensively with schools, local authorities and government agencies in developing teacher and initial teacher expertise and in the development of teacher training and teacher education.

I am currently Dean in the Faculty of Education and Children's Services at the University of Chester, having previously taught at Liverpool Hope University initially leading the Secondary PGCE programme and then as Vice Dean with responsibility for Teacher Education programmes and as Director of Recruitment & External Liaison.

I have significant experience in school development and governance and have worked on a number of new-build projects, including Charing the Education Transition Group for a new £33m ecumenically sponsored Academy in Newton-Le-Willows and was Chair of Governors.

I am also a Board member of the Chester Diocesan Board of Education and chair of the DBE School Effectiveness Committee. For the Diocese of London I am a Director and Chair of the London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trusts. At a research level my interests lie in Education Management, Post-16 education and development and the link to lower school achievement and most recently in the area of Education for Sustainable Development.

Other Governing Bodies:

Executive Dean – University of Chester

Director & Chair - London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust 1

Director & Chair - London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust 2

Board Member – Chester Diocesan Board of Schools

Trustee - Sandstone Trust

Declaration of Interests:

Executive Dean – University of Chester

Director – University of Chester Academies Trust

Name:	<i>Mike Gilbertson</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>08.11.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>07.11.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Archdeacon</i>	Committees:	<i>Business & Ops</i>		

A little about myself:

I am a Church of England priest. As the Archdeacon of Chester, I have responsibility for over a hundred parishes, including those on the Wirral. I serve on the School Governing Body as a Church of England Governor, helping to encourage links between the school and the local church. I grew up in Stockport, worked for several years as a civil servant, then as a parish priest in London and in Hartlepool on Teesside before returning to the North West several years ago. It is a great privilege to be connected with Woodchurch High School – I think what the students and staff achieve here is amazing.

Other Governing Bodies: N/A
Declaration of Interests: <i>Director – Chester Diocesan Board of Finance</i> <i>Director & Chair – Chester Diocesan Board of Education</i> <i>Trustee – Melanesian Mission UK</i> <i>Trustee – Sir Thomas Moulson Trust</i>

Name:	<i>Valerie Jones</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Co-opted</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>09.12.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>08.12.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Retired</i>	Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>		

A little about myself:

I worked in education for over 40 years, abroad and in Merseyside. I have two degrees in Education and was an advisory teacher in Wirral for two years. I came to Woodchurch High School as Head of Science and during my 26 years teaching here I was given many excellent and varied opportunities for professional and personal development. My roles included being a member of the Senior Leadership team plus Engineering College manager, Curriculum Leader for Health Social Care and Early Years and Personal Social and Health Education.

I retired in 2017 and was keen to retain my Governor role, having previously been a Staff Governor.

I am married with two grown up children, both of whom are teachers! I enjoy many types of exercise and dance, travel, Spanish, horse riding and voluntary work, and I find my role as a Governor most interesting and rewarding.

Other Governing Bodies: N/A
Declaration of Interests: <i>None</i>

Name:	<i>Ian McArdle</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>12.11.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>11.11.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Barrister</i>	Committees:	<i>Business & Ops</i>		

A little about myself:

I am the parent of 2 children at Woodchurch High School, currently in years 8 and 10. I want to take a proactive part in shaping the lives and education of the next generation.

I am a barrister and specialise in all aspects of children law. I have extensive experience in all aspects of children law and in particular safeguarding legislation and procedures. This knowledge, together with the skills I have acquired during my professional life, allow me to play an active part as a Governor of Woodchurch High School.

Being a parent and step-parent to 4 boys means that there is little spare time for personal interests but I am currently undertaking a PhD and when time permits, I can be found in a plane as I am learning to fly or building LEGO!

Other Governing Bodies:
N/A

Declaration of Interests:

*Self-employed family law barrister
Doctoral candidate*

Name:	<i>Rosemary Owen</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Co-opted</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>09.12.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>08.12.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Retired</i>	Committees:	<i>Business & Ops</i>		

A little about myself:

I have worked in education both in Liverpool and on the Wirral for thirty six years before taking early retirement. I began as an English teacher then moved to the Local Authority gaining experience within many areas of Children's Services. It was in that capacity that I became involved with Woodchurch High School and quickly developed a close working relationship with the school. Their aspirational ethos for all students to strive to be the best they can be is inspirational and if I can assist this goal in any way it will be a great privilege.

My other interests are singing, walking, travelling and volunteering.

I am currently a Trustee at Hilbre High School.

Other Governing Bodies:
Trustee at Hilbre High School

Declaration of Interests:
Volunteer with Cruse Wirral

Name:	<i>Betty Renshaw</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>08.11.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>07.11.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Retired</i>	Committees:	<i>Business & Ops Curriculum</i>		

A little about myself:

Retired School Business Manager with 20 years' experience in School finances and HR. Three years' experience as BSF Co-ordinator for the new school build. Wide experience in other financial, educational and company financial management. Chair of Chester Diocesan Board of Finance for ten years, current Director of Chester Diocesan Board of Education and Chair of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust and Chair CDAT Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Member of the Church of England General Synod and Church of England Finance Committee. Member of the Church Commissioners' Bishops and Cathedrals Committee overseeing the financial management of Bishops' See Houses including Lambeth Palace, and cathedral staffing costs.

Lay Canon of Chester Cathedral. Trustee of several local community Trusts and Independent Examiner for local Guiding Organisations.

Other Governing Bodies: <i>Director/Trustee – Chester Diocesan Multi Academies Trust</i>
Declaration of Interests: <i>Director/Trustee – Chester Diocesan Multi Academies Trust</i>

Name:	<i>Gareth Simpson</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Staff Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>22.09.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>21.09.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Social Inclusion Officer</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>	

A little about myself:

I have worked at Woodchurch High School within the SEND Team since 2006. My particular focus in developing inclusion is in PE, providing opportunities for SEND pupils to participate and excel in disability sport. Currently, my role in the school is Inclusion Officer. I oversee the provision for our SEND pupils, providing pastoral support and also leading a team of teaching assistants, ensuring that they deliver the highest quality support to our pupils. Many of our SEND pupils and vulnerable pupils have limited life experiences. Therefore I am privileged in my role to be able to organise a range of enrichment activities and residential trips. The highlight of the year is the trip to France which always leaves lasting memories for our pupils.

I am enjoying my role as staff governor and learning about the strategic development of the school.

On a personal level I am married and my wife teaches Art at Woodchurch High School. I have a young daughter and enjoy keeping fit by going to the gym and doing triathlons.

Other Governing Bodies: <i>N/A</i>
Declaration of Interests: <i>Wife works as a teacher in school</i>

Name:	<i>Andy Smith</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Staff Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>22.09.21</i>	Office Expires:	<i>21.09.25</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Teacher of Science/ Assistant Headteacher</i>		Committees:	<i>Business & Ops</i>	

A little about myself:

I am a Science teacher at Woodchurch High School, specialising in Physics. For a number of years I was a Pupil Progress Leader and worked with pupils from Years 7 – 11. I am now Assistant Headteacher and Lead on Pastoral Matters

I have been teaching at Woodchurch since 1999 and have very much enjoyed being a Governor helping to support moving the school forward.

I am a local person and have two young sons.

Other Governing Bodies: <i>N/A</i>

Declaration of Interests:

Spouse employed at school

Name:	<i>Tony Smith</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>LA Governor Chair of Governors</i>		
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>07.12.2027</i>	
Professional Role:	<i>Local Councillor</i>	Committees:	<i>Business & Ops Curriculum</i>			

A little about myself:

I am married with two children and five grandchildren. I worked first as a teacher and then as a Senior Educational Psychologist. I have been an Upton Councillor since 1995 and was Mayor of Wirral from May 2019 to May 2021. In my spare time I like to watch football. I keep myself fit playing golf, walking and going to the gym. I enjoy visits to the cinema and theatre. I also like to travel and have spent time learning Spanish.

Other Governing Bodies:

N/A

Declaration of Interests:

None