



Governor Biographies September 2022

Tom Hassan

Mr Hassan qualified as a teacher in 2005. He is committed to providing equity in education for all of his pupils and brings with him experience of leadership roles in contrasting schools in Barnet and Haringey. He believes strongly in preparing pupils for the future, whilst remembering they are still children today and expects all staff to ensure that education at Oaklands reflects this, with learning presented in engaging and meaningful contexts.

Elin Gillard – Chair

Elin is a parent governor with two children at Oaklands primary school. She has been on the governing board for 4 years which has been a rewarding experience for her and she is fully committed to continuing to offer support and professional skills to the Senior Leadership Team, Teachers and Staff at Oaklands. Elin is a Director in a surgical medical device company having worked in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery for the last 19 years.

Alison Barrett – Vice Chair

Alison is a qualified primary school teacher. She has held teaching and leadership roles in maintained and independent sector schools within Hertfordshire. Her lengthy teaching experience has included EYFS and Key Stages 1 and 2. Before retiring, Alison was Head of Pre-Prep and Nursery Alison at Kingshott School. Alison is a past pupil of Oaklands school and a local resident.

Elizabeth Karfoot

Liz is a parent governor with two children at Oaklands. She is a Chartered Accountant with 16 years experience in Finance and 8 of those years in the senior leadership team. Liz is excited to support the children and staff of Oakland's using both her financial and leadership skills.

Alannah Hebbert

Alannah is a parent governor with two children at the school. She has taught in schools in London for 15 years including Key Stage 1 and 2, and held positions on the senior leadership team. She has a keen interest in early years, children with additional needs and school development; and is excited to be supporting Oaklands in a governor role.

Martin Payne

Martin is a co-opted governor who is a qualified secondary school Art teacher teaching the full range of Key Stages from 3 to 5. He has worked in Hertfordshire schools for the past 13 years, gaining a wealth of experience in pastoral care having held a wide range of varied roles from Teaching Assistant, Head of House and his current role as a Head of Year at Richard Hale School. He also has significant experience in examinations having worked for OCR as a moderator for 6 years, half of which were spent leading a team of moderators. Martin is a local resident with a child at Oaklands Primary School.

Daniel Walker

Dan Walker is a retired teacher who started his teaching career at Stepney Green Boys' School in 1975. He has worked in a number of London schools in all key stages and has held several senior leadership positions. His most recent role before retiring centred around teacher training and providing in service training for qualified teachers. He has loved every minute of his 45-year teaching career and is very proud to have been a teacher.

Louise Fuller

Biography to follow...

Katherine Thompson

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