

Mr Ian Devereux-Roberts – Co-Opted Governor & Chair of Governors

I am the recently retired Headteacher of Frodsham Manor House Primary School, which is a feeder primary to Helsby High School. I completed 35 years in the teaching profession, working in a variety of primary schools on the Wirral and in Cheshire. I am currently working part-time as the Chair of the Cheshire West Association of Primary Headteachers.

I have sat on governing bodies in the capacity as a Headteacher, staff governor and parent governor. I have been a member of the Governing Body at Helsby High School for 5 years now, firstly as an Associate Member before becoming a Co-opted Governor. I took over the role as Chair of Governors as of September 2022 - a role which I am thoroughly enjoying.

Miss Helen Coy – Co-Opted Governor & Vice Chair of Governors

I joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in March 2021. Prior to this I was a Parent Governor and Vice Chair of the Governing Body at Elton Primary School for 6 years. My daughter started at Helsby High School in Sept 2020. I have a degree in Chemistry with Business Studies from De Montfort University, Leicester. I am a qualified and experienced Sustainability, Health, Safety and Environmental Manager for a global chemical company based at their Ellesmere Port Site, as such I am familiar with the legislation and standards required under these areas.

My aim is to use my skills, knowledge and experience to support the school and its pupils as best I can to maintain and, where possible, improve on the high standards currently achieved. It is important to me to ensure that all pupils, regardless of backgrounds and abilities, achieve their full potential in a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment.

Mr Michael Garvey – LA Representative

I am the appointed Local Education Authority appointed Governor and look forward to this new and exciting challenge. I work for Merseyside Police with nearly forty years' experience investigating serious and organised crime. My two, now grown up, children attended Helsby High School and benefitted immensely from their time at the school. I am keen to ensure that the school, despite the many challenges that face us all, maintains its high standards of achievements whilst remaining an open, inclusive and caring environment where everyone, staff and pupils alike, are able to thrive and achieve their full potential where every opportunity possible is afforded to them whatever their individual needs.

Mrs Andrea Critchley – Co-opted Governor

After serving as a Parent Governor, I was delighted to stay as a member of the governing body as a Co-opted Governor. This allows me to continue representing parents ensuring that the school will be supported in providing the best education for all children at the school to achieve their full potential. With my son and daughter having attended for years 7-11, I have a long-term commitment to the school and am passionate about children enjoying all aspects of school life, ensuring they are equipped for their future success.

I studied Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering with Management at University of Leeds including spending a year at the University of Waterloo in Canada. My career to date has been with Unilever, Kellogg's and currently running my own business.

I have experience in being chair of my children's pre-school and treasurer of their primary school PTA, along with my career experiences to support such a role in managing budgets and large teams. I want to

continue to encourage working with the local community and businesses to provide life skills along with fun and rewarding experiences. I feel passionately about education, and I look forward to working with energy and enthusiasm to help HHS maintain its high standards and meet future challenges.

Mr Robert Allerston – Co-Opted Governor

I've worked for the Ministry of Defence for over 20yrs in various roles: Production Manager, Change and Continuous Improvement and Project Management. I've managed large Production departments, Software Development and Implementation teams, large business-wide Change and Process Improvement projects and owned significant Software Development and R+D projects.

I'm currently a full-time, stay-at-home Dad which has given me the opportunity for involvement in local community clubs and schools. I have been a Governor at Frodsham CofE Primary school for the last 8yrs as a Parent Governor, Co-opted Governor and now Chair the Governing Body and Estates committee.

I have a teenager who's recently finished 6th form and a teenager currently in year 11. I care about our children's education; the whole, balanced school experience that provides opportunities wherever strengths or interests exist and support wherever needed. I expect to help represent the parents' view and aim to support our school in providing the very best learning environment possible.

Mrs Kirsty Lowe – Co-Opted Governor

As a former student of Helsby High, I have a long-standing relationship with the school community. I was first elected to the governing body as a parent governor, I have three children; one who is a current pupil at the school, one who has left Helsby Sixth Form and is now at university and one at a local Primary School.

I have other school governance experience in both state and independent settings. I am on the Education Admissions and Exclusions Appeals Board for three joint Local Authorities in North Wales and I am a Non-executive Director and Trustee at Storyhouse. After my degree and PGCE I studied for a Masters in Education and Leadership. I have over 20 years' experience working in education, in my current role I am Head of Learner Support at a Sixth Form College responsible for SEND, Safeguarding and Mental Health and Wellbeing, I am a member of the College Management Group.

I hope to use my skills, experiences, and my knowledge of the school's journey over time, through the work of the governing body, to help Helsby High provide the best possible education for every child who joins the school.

Mr Nick Davies – Parent Governor

I have spent the last 26 years in industry, predominantly in technology, in start-ups through to multinational corporates. I started out in account management and sales roles, moving into senior leadership roles which I've been in for the last ten years. Now with a little more time on my hands, I'm delighted to be joining the Board of Governors in 2023 and the opportunity this presents to contribute to the local community.

I have a son in year 11 at the school and a daughter at Surrey University studying to be a paramedic. Alongside my family, and my career, I've always enjoyed working with young people as a youth leader, DoE mentor, student teacher and rugby coach. I'm very much looking forward to putting my commercial and volunteering experiences to good use at the school to support the students, parents, staff and governors in any way I can.

Mrs Amy Heald – Parent Governor

I work in a sixth form college as a Careers Adviser with specialism in employability and inclusion/SEND. I am a Staff Governor within my organisation which I have found interesting and motivational, this inspired me to apply to be parent governor at Helsby High School. I have a son in year 10 and another joining Helsby next year so I am supportive of the school. I hope to be able to represent parents and their views and also to learn more about how the school is managed and the reasoning behind the decisions made. I have a degree from Lancaster University and professional qualifications in Teaching, Careers Guidance and Supporting people with Additional Needs.

I am keen to understand more about how careers is embedded into the school curriculum to ensure students achieve a positive outcome. I am looking forward to working with governors and leaders to make our school the best it can be for our children.

Mr Andy Canham – Parent Governor

I am a semi-retired consultant geologist, educated to post-graduate level and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. I have many years' experience working in the international oil and gas industry and more recently in the engineering and renewable energy sectors and have been a company director for over 25 years. I've been a school governor for over 10 years at Elton Primary School (a feeder school for Helsby High), initially as a parent governor and currently as local authority governor and chair. I am also a co-opted governor at two other primary schools in West Cheshire, currently chairing one. I'm also Honorary Treasurer of Cheshire West Governance Association and currently sit on their executive board. I am also vice-chair of Elton Parish Council.

My son is currently studying in the 6th Form and I was delighted to be elected as a parent governor at Helsby High in December 2023. I look forward to bringing my earth sciences, business and school governance experience to the school for the benefit of staff, parents and pupils.

Dr Geoff Hutchinson – Co-Opted Governor

I have had a lifelong affinity to the Northwest. I was born in Liverpool, brought up in Warrington and went to secondary school at Boteler Grammar in Warrington. (Used to play cricket against Helsby Grammar).

I trained as a surgeon and was appointed consultant at Halton Hospital, Runcorn in 1985. We moved to Kingswood and started to go to King's Church (next to ATS on the A56). My wife, Pauline, is a retired GP and we have 4 children and 10 grandchildren: (one of them attends Helsby High School and we hope 5 more will follow from Ashton Hayes Primary School).

I have helped with careers advice in medicine and have looked over many personal statement applications to medical school.

With my wife, we have developed a medical centre for children in Uganda called Wellspring, (charity Medcare) and we have taken 6th formers to Uganda for short, intensive programmes, to expand horizons and CVs.

Education comes from the Latin 'educare' which means to 'draw out' or 'stretch' and I have a passion to see our youth drawn out to reach their full potential (and not merely 'crammed' with information to pass exams).