



St Ambrose College
Governors' Profile

Foundation Governor - Chair of Governors – Dr Peter Goodwin

Dr Goodwin is a Senior Lecturer in Physiotherapy at Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Manchester. He has board level experience in higher education and charity sectors. His experience in education and research provides an excellent background for the role of governor. He has been a member of the governing body since 2014, is currently Chair of Governors and link governor for the faculty of science. He has two boys;- his eldest son is an Old Ambrosian and his youngest son is currently at St Ambrose.

Foundation Governor - (Joint) Vice Chair of Governors – Mrs Helen Rose

Mrs Rose is a director with over 25 years' experience of working at a senior level. She is a procurement specialist and has run her own consultancy business for the past 16 years. She has held roles as Interim Procurement Director at Manchester Airport Group, Procurement Consultant and Executive Director of the FTSE 250 company De Vere Hotels. Mrs Rose believes passionately in education as an enabler. She has been a Governor / Trustee at other schools for the past 16 years, and brings strong understanding of how schools operate and how they can deliver the best outcomes for their students. Her eldest son is an Old Ambrosian and her youngest son is currently at St Ambrose.

Foundation Governor - (Joint) Vice Chair of Governors – Dr Rosalyn Tavernor

Dr Tavernor qualified as a doctor and specialises in psychiatry. For the last 10 years she has also worked as a medical manager, most recently as Associate Medical Director. This has strengthened her skills and brings to the governing body a close understanding of organisational change processes, leadership, coaching and mentorship, and team cohesion. Dr Tavernor is particularly interested in occupational resilience and promoting mental health and well-being. Her experience as a doctor, senior leader and Trustee of a local charity brings a unique perspective to the governing body. Dr Tavernor has two sons and a daughter;- her eldest son is an Old Ambrosian and her youngest son attends at St Ambrose.

Foundation Governor – Mr Matthew Arthur

Mr Arthur is a retired teacher of Chemistry & RE. He has 36 years teaching experience at three different schools, including twenty years as Deputy Headteacher here at Saint Ambrose. Mr Arthur is passionate about improving the educational outcomes of our boys and brings a wealth of experience as a senior school leader.

Foundation Governor – Canon Jonathan Brandon

Canon Jonathan Brandon trained at Ushaw College, Durham and was ordained a priest in 2005. After spending a few years as an assistant priest in Hazel Grove, he studied in Rome, specialising in Dogma. On his return he was appointed as Parish Priest of Holy Angels, Hale Barns and then St. Columba's and St. Theresa's, Chester. Canon Jonathan was appointed to the parish of St. Vincent's, Altrincham in September 2019. He is also a member of the Board of Governors at St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Altrincham. Canon Jonathan is an intrinsic part of the College community, often celebrating Thursday morning Mass with staff and students.

Parent Governor – Mrs Shilpa Chauhan

Mrs Chauhan is a solicitor working in the public sector with over 17 years' experience. She brings a wealth of experience including holding a Deputy Chair of Governors position at a primary school since 2017. She has interchangeable skills which she has gained as a Deputy Chair. In her previous governor role, she provided governance to the leadership and management of the school by working closely with the headteacher and senior leaders in promoting and maintaining high standards of educational achievement. She ensures that she sets a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school which is embedded by the Governing Body. Mrs Chauhan is also actively engaged in the Parents Association at St Ambrose College (SAPA), which will also provide crucial links in her role as a governor, and she is keen to provide invaluable oversight of the performance of the College and ensure effective use of the College's resources. She also has a son who attends St Ambrose College.



Co-opted Governor – Mr Joe Itua

Mr Itua is a Chartered Accountant and tax adviser. He has worked in a number of finance roles in the SME business environment and the voluntary sector for over 15 years prior to setting up his own business. He has now been running his own accounting and business support firm since 2013. Mr Itua has business and education governance experience and has been a governor at another school for over 11 years. He joined the Board of Governors in December 2020. Both of Mr Itua's sons are Old Ambrosians.

Parent Governor – Mr Ahmed Lawal

Mr Ahmed Lawal is a Chartered Engineer with over 20 years working experience on high value international projects and national value programmes, he is a member of PMI and APM. His expertise is on programme, consulting and project delivery. He believes parents are important stakeholders in ensuring that schools provide a holistic, future-proof education that enable every child to thrive. His eldest son is currently an Ambrosian.

Foundation Governor – Mr Adrian Lewis

Mr Lewis first joined the board of governors as a Parent Governor in 2014 and since August 2018 has served as a Foundation Governor. He is a Chartered Surveyor (specialising in property development and infrastructure grants) and brings boardroom experience from both the private and public sectors. He is currently Chair of the Finance Committee and has served on the personnel committee and held the post of vice chair of governors. He and his son are Old Ambrosians.

Co-opted Governor – Mr Andrew McHale

Mr McHale is a Solicitor and managing partner of McHale & Co in Altrincham. With over 25 years legal experience, he brings a wealth of diverse knowledge to the Governing body. An old boy of St Ambrose College and Preparatory School, Andrew is also a Coach and Management Committee member at Bowdon RUFC, a Director and Coaching Assistant at Altrincham & District Athletic Club and a Trustee of Timperley Community Boxing Club. A father of five, he currently has one son who attends at St Ambrose College.

Foundation Governor – Mr Peter Riley

Mr Riley is an Old Ambrosian and a former 1st XV Rugby Captain. He has been Chairman of Warrington RUFC and Commercial & Operations Director of Halifax RLFC. He is currently Secretary of Warrington Sports Club and a Director of the Warrington Cricket Ground Company. He worked in a number of sales and marketing roles during his 25 years in industry before setting up his own mortgage and insurance practice in 2007. He brings a wealth of experience gained in a variety of industries, along with the experience of running his own business. He also plays an active role in helping run the Old Boys Association and has compered each of the Association's Annual Dinners for the last twenty years.

Foundation Governor – Dr Richard Simpson

Dr Simpson is a retired GP and an Old Ambrosian. He has had previous experience as a foundation governor at his now grown up children's primary school. He has always had an interest in education, teaching medical students, foundation doctors and GPs in training during his career. He has a keen interest in all sports, fostered when he was at St Ambrose. He joined the governing body in 2020 and has taken on the role of deputy safeguarding governor link and sits on the Pupil Welfare, Curriculum and Standards committee. He is keen to see that pupils appreciate the privilege of attending an Edmund Rice school and maximise the opportunities for personal development provided by the school and the wider international Edmund Rice network