Montsaye Academy Local Governing Body Member Profiles April 2022

Robyn Allen
Community Governor



Robyn runs a Rothwell based insurance brokerage that specialises in providing personal protection advice. Robyn started the firm in 2016 and has over a decade of Financial Services experience under her belt. Being a firm believer in giving back to the local community in Northamptonshire, Robyn regularly volunteers with a variety of groups but mostly supporting young adults, especially encouraging any budding entrepreneurs. She is also a Non-Executive Director at the Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee for Home-Start Kettering Area.

Robyn has lived in Rothwell for more than 20 years and is an ex-pupil of Montsaye Academy. She has always believed in the school and its values and looks forward to contributing.

Sarah Austin-Clark Community Governor



Sarah Austin-Clark is a probate lawyer specialising in wills, trusts, charities and administering estates, with experience of managing a team. She has accounting and auditing knowledge and skills.

She has been a local Sunday school teacher and member of the committee for Rothwell Twinning Association.

She believes that in order for children to learn they need to be happy and have good quality teaching. She is passionate about helping Montsaye improve its outcomes to provide the opportunity for children to be able to learn and develop their skills at their local school.

Shaun BarkerParent Governor



Shaun Barker describes it as a 'privilege' to have joined the Montsaye Board of Governors as a Parent Governor. He is married to Colette with 1 child, Tom, who started Year 7 at Montsaye Academy Sept 2021.

This is Shaun's first role as a school governor and he is looking forward to the challenge of continuing the great work which has already helped Montsaye Academy progress in recent years.

As a Parent Governor he hopes to make a positive contribution to the team helping to hold stake holders to account and work towards continuous development throughout all aspects of the Academy.

In his spare time, he enjoys all sports, mainly watching now and walking his dog Olive.

Meena Gabbi Principal



Mrs Gabbi started her teaching career in Coventry as an English teacher and this then quickly developed and she moved to a head of department and then onto a senior leadership team. She has a range of school improvement experience and has worked on a number of city wide initiatives including functional skills and working as part of a collaborative headteachers groups on pupil premium strategy and also in the formation of Early Help hubs in the north of Coventry.

Mrs Gabbi has been in education for over 20 years and has an overwhelming passion for improving the life chances of young people. She is committed to ensuring that the children at Montsaye have a good quality of education and leave the academy with the best start in life.

Isaac HartleyCommunity Governor



Isaac Hartley is a qualified accountant, and has been working in the telecommunications industry for over 18 years where he has gained significant experienced in financial governance reporting as prescribed by IAS and IFRS principles, and achieved significant stakeholders' engagement across depth of processes and transformation programmes both to maximise shareholders value, and also to enhance efficiency gains and effectiveness within industry. Over the past couple of years, he has transitioned from industry into the civil services where he is leveraging his skills. He plans to use his extensive experience to support Montsaye board to enhance the environment where pupils are studying.

Andrew Laughton Community Governor



Andrew Laughton is a former student of Montsaye and went on to study Metallurgy at the University of Surrey in Guildford.

Andrew's professional career has been in the toy industry for the last 25 years. He has been with the same company for the last 20 years where he has held senior European sales positions. He is currently the Managing Director of Zapf Creation UK and Senior Vice President of MGA Entertainment (UK).

Andrew has been a council member of the British Toy & Hobby Association for a number of years. He currently holds the position of Chairman and is also a Charity trustee of The Toy Trust and Fence Club both of which aim to raise money for, and to support underprivileged children.

Andrew is married with two grownup children and lives in Kettering.

Adrian Oram Staff Governor



Adrian Oram has worked at Montsaye in the data office for five years so is very well-placed to advise the governing body on past and future performance.

With previous roles in the photographic industry, he has experience of overseeing complex projects and budgets.

He has lived in the community for twenty years and has 3 secondary age children. He is committed to shaping the strategic policy and vision of the school.

Ryan Thompson
Community Governor,
Vice Chair



Ryan Thompson has much previous experience as a governor, having held a place on Havelock's governing body for 7 years. In this post, he held various positions, including Vice Chair and Chair of Finance Committee.

He is looking forward to having the opportunity to support and challenge the school to aid Montsaye in its continued improvement.

Tim SheaStaff Governor



Tim Shea heads the drama department at Montsaye, where he has been teaching for nearly 3 years.

He has previously been on his children's primary school governing body, supporting its leadership team to move the school from Requires Improvement to Good. He gained experience there of being Vice Chair and Chair of the Learning and Achievement committee.

Having seen Montsaye's journey from Special Measures to Good, he is keen to be part of the new governing team that moves the school onwards as it faces new challenges including the new Ofsted framework amidst political uncertainty.