

Montsaye Academy Local Governing Body Member Profiles – January 2023

<p>Robyn Allen Chair of Governors Community</p>	<p>Robyn runs a Rothwell based insurance brokerage that specialises in providing personal protection advice. Robyn started the firm in 2016 and has well 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 the President of the Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce & Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce. 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 is passionate about helping the school and students.</p>
<p>Andrew Laughton Vice Chair Community Governor</p>	<p>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 30 years. Andrew is retired and was UK Managing Director of MGA Entertainment. Andrew was also Chairman of the British Toy & Hobby Association and 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 grown up children and lives in Kettering.</p>
<p>Isaac Hartley Community Governor</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Tim Shea Staff Governor</p>	<p>Tim Shea heads the drama department at Montsaye, where he has been teaching for nearly 5 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.</p>

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<p>Lisa Hyde Community Governor</p>	<p>Up to the end of 2022, Lisa had worked for 35 years in the public sector across various senior leadership roles, most recently specialising in change and transformation programmes. Lisa wanted to use this experience to contribute to raising the aspirations of children and young people in the Rothwell & Desborough locality and to ensure they all have the maximum opportunities to meet their full potential. With strong family links in the area, and being a former student of Montsaye, Lisa is passionate about being a community governor at Montsaye and working closely with the Board in support of delivering the schools vision and long term plans for the benefit of each and every student. Lisa lives in Kettering and is currently working part time on local government housing projects.</p>
<p>Bryan Kennedy Community Governor</p>	<p>Bryan has lived in Rothwell since 2005, and both his, now grown up, children attended Montsaye Academy. A graduate of the University of Edinburgh, he is a Chartered civil engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers. He has spent his 35 year career delivering all types of infrastructure projects up to a value of £300m and currently manages a varied portfolio for clients such as the Environment Agency and National Highways. Bryan is a STEM ambassador engaging with secondary schools and has oversight of training new engineers in his business. He has extensive commercial and risk management experience and hopes to put this to good use on the Governing Board.</p>
<p>Lindsey Atkins Community Governor</p>	<p>Lindsey co-owns Kettering based business Beccy Hurrel Voice & Arts Limited where they use the Arts to break down barriers, build confidence and get people back into work, education and training. She is a mum of 2 and understands the importance of not just a child's academic education but also the pastoral guidance that is needed to ensure everyone child is given the opportunities and skills to succeed along their journey. With over 20 years in Arts education she is passionate about skills for life that the arts can foster and enjoys supporting children and young adults to explore this within both school and community settings. She has been a governor in other school over the past 7 years and is excited to now be supporting Montsaye along their journey.</p>
<p>Meena Gabbi Principal</p>	<p>Mrs Gabbi started her teaching career in Coventry in 1997, as an English teacher and she quickly developed and progressed through her career onto head of department and then onto a senior leadership team. She has a range of school improvement experience specialising in improving schools in challenging circumstances and has worked on a number of city-wide initiatives including, 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 and she has worked collaboratively with other secondary schools to develop and harness a developmental peer review model. Mrs Gabbi has been in education for over 25 years and has an overwhelming passion for improving the life chances of young people.</p>

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	<p>She is committed to ensuring that the children at Montsaye have a good quality of education and led the journey from special measures to good for Montsaye in 2019. Mrs Gabbi is very passionate about ensuring that all pupils at Montsaye leave the academy with the best start in life through a strong values-based curriculum.</p>
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