

## Board of Trustees

### **Nick Jones – Chair of the Trust**

Nick Jones had a successful career in catering management before co-founding 'Restaurants at Work', a major UK contract catering company. He has extensive experience of setting up new businesses and is currently Chair of Maiden Erlegh Trust. Nick is a founding member and Director of the Maiden Erlegh Trust and has been a governor for 18 years.

**Ian May – Vice-Chair of the Trust (Chair of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading Local Advisory Board)** Ian May is a qualified engineer and heads the Building maintenance team at the University of Reading. He has extensive knowledge of governance at both primary and secondary – he served on Radstock Primary school governing bodies as Vice Chairman. Ian is a founding member and Director of the Maiden Erlegh Trust and the Chairman of the new Local Advisory Board of the Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. Ian is also Deputy District Commissioner for the Scout Association. Ian was awarded the BEM in December 2016 for services to higher education.

### **Lindsey Bowden**

Lindsey is an experienced Governor, having spent six years at a local primary school as Vice Chair before joining Maiden Erlegh. Her background is in accounts working for Combined Lease Finance PLC in the city then working locally when her children were young, including Gowrings of Wokingham, the RMBI at Lord Harris Court and Whiteknights Mortgage and Financial Services. Recently Lindsey retrained to become an Operating Department Practitioner studying at Bucks New University and the Royal Berkshire Hospital. She also works for Reading Football Club as a host family offering a safe 'home from home' for their young players on both a short and long term basis. Lindsey attended Maiden Erlegh School as have both her children.

### **Mary Davies – Executive Headteacher**

Mary is Executive Headteacher of Maiden Erlegh Trust in Reading, and is Headteacher of the Maiden Erlegh School in Earley and in Reading. She was formerly Deputy Headteacher at the lead school. During her ten years at Maiden Erlegh School, she has helped on both the academisation process in 2011 and the setting up of the free school in 2015. Prior to joining Maiden Erlegh School, after nearly four years as Head of Modern Languages at Robert Smyth School in Market Harborough, she was Assistant Headteacher at Jack Hunt School in Peterborough where her portfolio included the leadership of the school's specialisms, including leading the school's application for High Performing Specialist School Status. She headed up the school's Leading Edge work and undertook primary outreach work as part of Language College status. Mary's background before education was in business and she has worked at the Bank of England and studied and worked in Europe including helping with a start-up business in France. Mary attended comprehensive schools in Leicestershire and Rutland and completed her degree at Cambridge University and her tri-national Masters in International Business Management at Leicester De Montfort University (GB), École de Commerce Chambéry (France) and Fachhochschule Saarbrücken (Germany).

### **Julie Dennis – Business Manager**

Julie is a Science graduate (BSc Hons from University of Bath) and experienced education finance expert who ran the Formula for Funding schools, set up a financial support service for 60 schools and provided support to Headteachers and governors in infant, primary and secondary schools for Wokingham Borough Council between 1998 and 2005, prior to joining Maiden Erlegh School in 2005. Julie joined Wokingham Borough Council as it became a Unitary authority and was a key player in the development and leadership of education services for a new authority. Prior to this Julie worked for 7 years as a finance officer in a local primary school at the start of the LMS process. Julie is also an expert on governance and has led Maiden Erlegh School through conversion to academy status. She was appointed SLE for Finance and Business in the Maiden Erlegh Teaching School in 2014. Julie has managed all of the operational activities of the opening of our free school, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading between 2014 and the present and the move into new school buildings. Julie has been in local girl guiding for over 20 years and is currently a District Commissioner for Guiding.

## **Bob Kenwrick (Chair of Maiden Erlegh School Local Advisory Board)**

Bob Kenwrick spent 38 years in the Police Force and prior to retiring was Chief Inspector with British Transport Police. On retiring, he returned to British Transport Police for 7 years as their well-being manager with responsibility for Health and Safety and Occupational Health. Bob has been a governor for 12 years; he was Chair of Governors at a local primary school and is currently Chair of Governors at a local secondary school. He has been a governor at Maiden Erlegh School for four years and is a Director of the Maiden Erlegh Trust.

## **Jan Rothwell**

Jan Rothwell is Chief Executive of the West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau and has extensive senior management experience. Jan has served as a governor at Maiden Erlegh School for 10 years and is a Director of the Maiden Erlegh Trust. Jan is the Safeguarding lead for the Trust.

## **Alastair Starnes**

Alastair Starnes is an engineer and an associate of one of the top design and construction companies in the UK – Ridge and Partners LLP and is a Director of the Maiden Erlegh Trust. He has two children who attend Maiden Erlegh School. Alastair has used his expertise to support the Trust in the building of our new school Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

## **Members of Local Advisory Board (LAB) - Maiden Erlegh School**

### **Bob Kenwrick – Chair of Local Advisory Board**

See above.

### **Lindsey Bowden**

See above.

### **Ben Garner – Staff Member**

Ben graduated from the University of Reading with a BA (Hons) degree in Sociology, before completing an MSc degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Institute of Criminology in Portsmouth. He completed his PGCE in Sociology and Humanities at the University of London before becoming Head of Sociology at Maiden Erlegh School. His research interests include crime and deviance and religion and beliefs in society. He is a qualified staff coach, examination board assessor and a member of the school appraisal team. He is married with two young children.

### **Richard Mitchell – Parent Member**

Richard Mitchell is Professor of Cybernetics at the University of Reading. He has a keen interest in the educational aspects of cybernetics and computer science, and has for many years given talks to schools promoting his subject using practical examples. He is currently Lead Educator for the FutureLearn open online course Begin Robotics which is aimed at introducing the subject, primarily to key stage 3 students, and which utilises interactive web pages for e-learning. As a Senior Tutor at the University, he also has responsibility for supporting student's pastoral welfare and personal development.

### **Khalid Shauq**

Khalid has vast experience in the business sector and is a computer specialist. He joined the Governing Body of Maiden Erlegh School in September 2010. He has two children, one of whom is still a student at Maiden Erlegh School and one at university. Khalid has helped the school develop its ICT strategy over the last 6 years.

### **Phil Simmons – Parent Member**

Phil is a Director in the professional services firm Deloitte and specialises in advising on VAT matters and has many years' experience of building relationships with a wide range of people and stakeholders. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Tax and has a degree in Economics.

Phil joined the LAB in October 2015 in order to use his skills to contribute to the Local Advisory Board in an effective and constructive manner and to interact and build excellent working relationships with teaching staff and the other members of the LAB. In particular he is keen to support the school in a way that contributes to ensuring that our children receive top quality, inclusive education and that the school is part of the local community. Phil has lived locally for 15 years and has a son and two daughters.

### **Richard Tiffin**

Richard Tiffin is a Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Reading and joined the Local Advisory Board in 2013. He is currently also a member of the Curriculum and Disciplinary committees. He has two children at Maiden Erlegh School and was previously a parent governor at Hawkedon Primary school.

### **Sian Young – Staff Member**

Sian Young is a teacher LAB member and has been at Maiden Erlegh School since September 2008, after graduating from St Marys University in Twickenham. She is currently Head of the Physical Education department and is leading the Mathematics team.