



Bideford College Local Governing Body

Expertise:

£ Finance
Education:

§ Legal
□1 Primary

✋ HR
□2 Secondary

📁 Management
□3 Tertiary

🗳️ Politics

<p>David Humphries (Chair)</p> <p>📁 □2</p>	<p>My career began in 1976 as a mathematics teacher at a very large comprehensive school in London. In 1979 I moved to become Head of Mathematics at a comprehensive school in northeast England and was subsequently promoted to become Deputy Head teacher. In 1990 I became Head Teacher of Southfield School in Workington, West Cumbria and led the school successfully through the first round of Ofsted school inspections.</p> <p>In 1997 I moved to North Devon as Principal of Ilfracombe College. During the following years standards rose markedly, culminating in a Department for Education Achievement Award in 2003 shortly before I left the College to join Ofsted as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI). After gaining substantial experience as a frontline inspector, I became a member of Ofsted's senior leadership team and in 2009 moved to a key role in the development of national school inspection policy and practice.</p> <p>Following my retirement, I undertook a range of voluntary work before joining the Governing Body of Bideford College in 2014. When Bideford joined the Launceston MAT in March 2016 I was appointed Chair of the Local Governing Body and, in that capacity, am a member of the MAT Board. After a rewarding and successful career in education I am glad that I am still able to put something back into the system!</p>
<p>Sheila Bloomfield (Safeguarding Governor)</p> <p>£ □1 ✋ § □2</p>	<p>We have lived in Devon since 1973, and in Northam since 1980. Our daughter attended both Northam schools and Bideford College.</p> <p>I have served as a governor at Bideford College since 1987 when elected as a Parent Governor. I have held various posts, including Chair of Governors and Vice Chair, and have seen many changes such as the construction of the new building and joining the Launceston MAT in March 2016. I am currently Vice Chair and Safeguarding Governor.</p> <p>I have also been a governor at St. George's School since 1995. This experience allowed me to take on the role of Trustee of the Atlantic Coast Co-operative Trust, including the Federation of Northam Schools since 2015. I was a Councilor from 1995 - 2003 and was Deputy Mayor 2002-2003. I served on the Devon Advisory Committee for JPs from 1999 - 2007.</p>

	<p>I was diagnosed with MS in 1978 and later undertook an Open University degree which allowed me to represent disadvantaged students for the South West with the various requirements of support needed.</p> <p>I value education and understand what it can bring to the lives of children of all ages, helping to widen horizons and see potential achieved. I hope to contribute to the wider community by continuing to support our local schools.</p>
<p>Gilly Sanders (Vice Chair) (H&S Governor)</p> <p>  </p>	<p>I retired in 2010 and moved to North Devon in 2012 following a career in marketing communications; I worked in media planning and buying for over 35 years in a number of advertising agencies in London and, latterly, as a civil servant at COI, the government communications agency. I have been a school governor for over 20 years and served the primary and secondary schools in West London which were attended by my two children.</p> <p>As Co-opted Governor of Bideford College, I represent our college on the MAT Finance and Assets Committee. I am also a Deputy Safeguarding Governor and currently Acting Health and Safety Governor. I get great satisfaction from working alongside fellow governors with the aim of supporting staff and pupils to help our young people be the best that they can be. Additionally, I am a governor of Instow Community Primary where my responsibilities include Finance, Pay and Performance and Media Links. I am Vice Chair of the Fremington Community Group Committee and enjoy volunteering at sporting and charity events, both locally and further afield.</p>
<p>Staff Governor Elise Powell</p>	<p>I joined Bideford College in January 2008 as a Newly Qualified Teacher and, after more than a decade amongst this incredibly devoted team of teachers and leaders, I was absolutely thrilled to secure my permanent appointment as Head of Modern Foreign Languages in 2018.</p> <p>I was born in France and I studied English, German and French as a foreign language at the University of La Réunion in the Indian Ocean. I qualified with honours and decided to put my newly learnt skills to the test and came over to England as a Languages Assistant for a North Devon school. I loved it so much that I decided to join Exeter University to obtain my teaching qualification in 2006. After filling in for a year for a maternity leave in Barnstaple, I joined the ranks of Bideford College in what was the old school site. I taught in huts and earned my wings before moving over to this new incredible site, filled with incredible people. Over the last decade, I have taken on many roles including acting Head of Year and Head of Faculty.</p> <p>I have always been a firm believer in the potential of Bideford College and the community it represents. I genuinely couldn't imagine teaching anywhere else. I grew with the College and it made me the practitioner and person I am today. I have a vision of Bideford College as a national example for others to follow. I will work tirelessly to ensure that all students aspire to excel and grow to love and value the education that they are receiving in our lovely part of the country.</p>
<p>Parent Governor Hannah Evans</p>	<p>My connection with Bideford College spans many years, generations and even buildings! I attended Bideford Comprehensive school in the 80s (when the Library was still 'over the road' in the Geneva building), before heading to Petroc for A levels. I then indulged my passion for languages and travel with a</p>



BA in French and Italian with European Studies at the University of Bath, before embarking on communication and travel-related jobs in London.

After a brief stint in Brussels working with the European Commission, I worked as a management trainer, based primarily in the stunning Lake District, but delivering leadership and team building programmes world-wide, and mainly in Italy and France. I was incredibly fortunate to find a career which combined my love of all things foreign with the beauty and opportunities offered by the great British outdoors.

I have watched Bideford College progress over the years. We have incredible facilities worthy of any university, we have highly motivated and engaged teachers who care for their pupils and for their education, we have a cohort of students who strive to achieve. And I remain convinced that, working together, we can do more. We can continue creating a college of which we – staff, parents, pupils - are proud, and which our community deserves.

**Parent
Governor
(Vacancy)**