

Carl Jones

I became a governor when my eldest son was in year one. I made this decision as I wanted to make a difference in education and to share in personal experience of further education within the school setting. I feel that by encouraging the younger generation to think they can always achieve more and supporting our schools we can ensure they have the opportunities in place to excel. I was originally a governor when the school was run by Suffolk County Council and was part of a collective vote for it to become an academy with ATT I believe this has given the school more external support to allow our children to learn and succeed to their full potential. My eldest son is now at Mildenhall College Academy, and my youngest son is in upper key stage two.

Rebecca Wilson

I have a keen interest in becoming a parent governor having had a long association with MCA. I was a formal pupil (going on to ARU to go graduate in Business Economics) and am parent of 2 pupils, 1 having recently left MCA⁶ to go to university.

I have previously been a parent governor at St Mary's Primary School aligned to the SENCo team which I thoroughly enjoyed. I have volunteered both in school supporting reading and recently with a local charity supporting children with disabilities.

I feel I have much to offer being keenly interested in my children's education and coming with 28 years commercial professional experience, the last 10 years as a senior manager. I have recently qualified as a Mental Health Champion and am passionate about encouraging children to be the best they can be.

I come with enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine interest in being a positive advocate for MCA.

Vanessa Tirrell

Having the huge privilege of being the mother to a former student and now have two foster sons in the academy. I feel I have the right skill set and mind set to fully contribute to the governors. To be actively involved in ensuring the academy continues to meet the high standards of achievement the academy already displays on a daily basis, for all young people and staff and under community of the academy.

Jane Spencer

I am very keen to support the school and further promote and build positive relationships between parents and the school so that all stakeholders can work together to support the children in receiving an excellent education. I'm a parent, small business owner and a local resident.

I have previous experience of being a school governor at primary level including writing and updating school development plans, reviewing school data and holding school management to account with challenging questions and would like to be part of a governing body one again.

Christopher Beale

As a former student 25 years ago I have first-hand knowledge of school. When I left I studied further and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. I have been a sole director of my own business now for 16 years.

I have a good understanding of financial performance targets and people management. I believe everybody has the opportunity to be the best they can be, through education and hard work and with the right support and guidance become better people.

Gideon Brimmer

I am a parent of three children all of whom have attended Mildenhall College Academy. My eldest daughter completed 5 years at the academy in July 2018 and my youngest daughter joined year 7 in September 2019.

I have lived in Mildenhall with my family for almost 20 years and believe Mildenhall College Academy continues to play an important role in the community, especially with its proposed move to the new 'hub' site in 2020.

I would relish the opportunity to ensure Mildenhall College Academy can provide the very best education to the children of Mildenhall and surrounding areas.

Josephine Merrett

I have experience in a school governing role as I was parent governor for Burwell Village College Primary School until 4 years ago when we moved to Suffolk.

I have a daughter who has started MCA this year in year seven. I know that I would be committed to staying in the role for many years with an expectation of staying for the duration of the position.

I have a background in childcare and have also worked freelance in some secondary schools workshopping with GCSE and A-level drama and theatre studies students in the past. I have an in-depth knowledge of child protection and health and safety. I am knowledgeable in some aspects of special educational needs.

I would like to have the opportunity to become a secondary school parent governor and feel I would listen to the concerns of parents and represent them well.