

Monmouth Comprehensive School Governors 2021/22

Members' Pen Portraits – 10 January 2022

Origin	Name		Pen Portraits
LA	Nicola	Allan	Lives in Monmouth with family, both children attended MCS. Headteacher of 3-19 special school in Newport since 2017. Principal Challenge Advisor with the EAS regional consortium for education improvement 2012 -2017. Senior Special Educational Needs advisor in Berkshire 2009-12. Prior to this headteacher and specialist teacher for visual impairment.
LA	Emma	Blake	Emma has recently returned to Monmouthshire with her husband and 3 children. Currently working for HSBC UK as a programme manager and she is also a member of the HSBC UK Climate Action Network. Prior to working at HSBC she was in the Royal Logistic Corps of the British Army.
LA	Roger	Hoggins	TBA
LA	Julian	Morgan	Serving Principal at an 11-18 Secondary Academy in Wiltshire. Lives in Monmouth with wife and daughters. History teacher by trade with BA (Hons) in Modern History and MA in Educational Leadership. Has undertaken a variety of educational leadership roles including a previous Headship in Staffordshire and Regional Director for a large Multi-Academy Trust.
LA	Hannah	Woodhouse	Lives in Monmouth with her young family. Hannah is the Department for Education (England) Regional Schools Commissioner South West. Has worked in school improvement policy and delivery all her working life including the DfE, leading the inner London challenge team, 14-19 funding policy and New Zealand's Ministry for Education. Was Director for Strategy and Commissioning Children and Adults Services in Cambridgeshire County Council from 2010-13 and MD of the Central South Consortium School Improvement Service in South Wales 2013 -17.
Community	Shonagh	Hay	Educated in Scotland and New Zealand. 40 years in Construction at Board and Group Board level both in the U.K. and Internationally. Consultant to Welsh Government, non-exec Director in waste research group (WRAP) contributed to several published books and papers. Awarded Freedom of the City in London and a Liveryman in the City. Also Chair of Governors at Osbaston Church in Wales Primary School.
Community	Catherine	Haynes	BA Modern Languages (French and Russian), BD, MA (Christian Liturgy), currently completing a doctorate in Church History, related to the relationship of children and the church in the nineteenth century. Vicar in the Church in Wales since 1996 and currently Team Vicar and Community Engagement Priest for Monmouth. Previously Children's Advisor for Llandaff Diocese, Diocesan Director of Education for Swansea and Brecon Diocese (& vice chair of the Powys Schools Forum) and Children and Youth Advisor for Monmouth Diocese. I was the resident school chaplain teaching at Haberdasher's Monmouth School for Girls between 2012 and 2014. Formerly a trustee of CAB in Powys, then Monmouth. Currently a trustee of the Monmouth and District Night Shelter and chaplain to the Royal Naval Association. Also a governor at Osbaston Church in Wales Primary School.
Community	Stuart	McLester	BA History & Politics, retired MD of a multi-national manufacturing company. Married with 2 children who previously attended MCS and now with 3 grand-children. Strong supporter of good comprehensive education and governor for over 30 years. Awarded an MBE in 2018 for services to education and the community in Monmouth. Also, a Governor in a Junior school in England.
Community	Antony	Smith	Business Director for a group that owns classical record labels, CD/DVD manufacturing, printing, publishing and commercial property. I have lived and worked in London, New York and Singapore and travelled extensively for business and pleasure. Former Chair of Governors at Osbaston Primary for 8 years. I have one son at MCS.
Community	Vicky	Smith	A resident of Monmouth for over 20 years, married with three children all of whom attend or attended MCS. Trustee of two charities, member of IMB of HMP Usk, volunteer bereavement councillor and Governor of MCS for 12 years. Qualified Solicitor of 20+ years who is now following a portfolio legal career.
Head	Hugo	Hutchison	Experienced school leader who has returned to Monmouthshire after 20 years in London. Hugo has led a wide range of schools, most recently as Executive Principal at Future Academies in London, and has also worked in school improvement across the South East. Ex-Chair of Governors of a London primary. Recent M.A. (Distinction) in Philosophy of Education from UCL. Prior to his career in education, Hugo worked in book publishing and the film industry.
Parent	Paula	Doody	BA Business Studies and CIPD qualified. 30 years Corporate experience in senior HR roles. Currently Director of an HR consultancy business. Married with 3 children – all at or previously attended MCS. Parent governor for in second 4 years term and passionate about ensuring all young people have the opportunity to reach their potential.
Parent	Hari	Fell	BSc Natural Sciences & Post Graduate Diploma in Law. Moved from London 20 years ago. Small business owner in the Forest of Dean; living in Monmouth. Former parent governor at Overmonnow School and chair of PTA at St Briavels Primary. Community Leader for anti-bullying charity, Kidscape. Two children at MCS currently.
Parent	Catherine	Fookes	Director of charity Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales @WenWales with a particular interest in empowering girls, equality and social justice. I have two children at MCS. Previously a Campaigner at Action Aid, Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming amongst others. Skills in marketing, communications and fundraising. Passionate about ALL our students at MCS thriving, no matter what their educational ability, in all different ways and helping to make MCS an outstanding school.
Parent	Jamie	Powell	BSC Geography followed by hotel management training leading to over 10 years in management positions with BUPA/Spire Healthcare. Currently Centre Manager of the Rutherford Cancer Centre in South Wales that offers the latest high energy proton beam treatment. Lives in Newcastle with his wife and 4 children (2 attending MCS)
Parent	Matthew	Thomson	A former MSC pupil, I have recently returned to the local area with my wife and three children (1 at MCS & 2 at Trellech). I am a Chartered Engineer and renewable energy expert (MEng + MSc). In building a renewable energy business in Africa, I held numerous director-level positions. Inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs and equipping students for radical changes in the future work place are of particular interest to me.
Parent	Daniel	Wilde	Partner specialising in employment law in large law firm. Have two children at MCS. Parent Governor for now in second 4 year term. Committee member of disability ski charity and active volunteer helping kids have fun and thrills on the slopes.
Staff	Sarah	Bradley	Administrator at Monmouth Comprehensive School for 18 years, previously worked at Lloyds Bank. Married with 2 daughters who previously attended MCS and 1 grand-daughter. Trustee and Secretary of Friends of MCS Boat Club.
Teacher	Janet	Chaplin	I have been teaching for over 30 years in the secondary sector in the Gwent area. I have been a head of department as well as pastoral lead of Year 10 and 11 as well as a Key stage 4 leader. Having been at Monmouth Comprehensive school for 18 years concentrating on A' level Art. Outside of my teaching I am a professional exhibiting Artist and a moderator for WJEC.
Teacher	Alun	Curnow	BA (Hons) Geography; Master's in Education and MA Leadership/Management. Subject Leader of Geography at MCS, Chartered Geographer and Fellow of the RGS. Works with Cardiff University on doctoral research in education and an officer in the RNR. As a member of staff, I want to work with the GB in supporting the school as a hub of excellence within the community.