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Mr Rob King Principal and Director

Formerly Vice Principal of St Bede's Catholic College with responsibility for leading Curriculum, Personnel and Resources

Formerly a Leader of Mathematics

I am passionate about helping young people achieve their potential through education and ensuring youngsters have the best opportunities to succeed whilst growing into responsible and caring individuals.



Dr Alicia Chrysostomou, Foundation Trustee

Freelance Consultant for the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Academic, University of Westminster

Author of learning units for an educational publisher

I am also a Foundation Governor for a local primary school

I am a parent of St Bede's and aim to help St Bede's continue to provide excellence in education and help to build relationships between the parents and the college.



Mrs Teresa Gilpin, Foundation Trustee

Former Headteacher of Christ College, Cheltenham

Governor of a primary school in Bristol

I have seen many changes in education policy and practice over time and enjoy being connected to St Bede's.



Mr Lee Hannan, Trustee

I am a Strategy Director working across local and central government, where I specialise in providing commercial and technical support to the public sector on their complex contracting arrangements. My wife works in education and we have 3 children, one of which is a student at St Bede's. I have been a governor in a number of settings since 2008, including current appointments at Brentry Primary School as Vice Chair of Governors, and as a member of Bristol City Council's Schools Forum.'



Mrs Vickie Jennings-Smith, Foundation Trustee

I own a very busy local cleaning business employing many local residents around North Bristol. I live with my husband and our 3 daughters, all of whom attended St Bede's. I have a varied skill set from running my own business and managing staff, finance and much more. I was previously a foundation governor at St Marys Catholic Primary school for 8 years and enjoyed the variety of challenges and also seeing how schools work behind the scenes. I look forward to using my skills to support the governance of the college.



Callum McMillan, Foundation Trustee

I am a chartered structural engineer working and living in Bristol with my wife and children. I am a parishioner at St Bonaventure's parish in Bishopston and support a number of Catholic charities. I look forward to using my skills to support the governance of the college going forward.



Dr Juan Carlos Mondragon Quintana, Foundation Trustee

I am a lecturer specialising in subjects pertaining to international business, politics, and society at the University of Bristol Business School. Originally from Mexico, I am also a parent affiliated with St. Bede's. My passion lies in promoting Catholic Social Teaching and disseminating Christian values among our students.



Mr Marc Shrimpling, Foundation Trustee

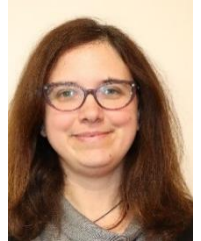
I am a Partner at Osborne Clarke LLP, an international law firm with its home office in Bristol. I am responsible for our law firm's entry-level recruitment, including new Trainees and Apprentices joining the firm each year. I live in the Henleaze area of Bristol with my wife and three children. Our eldest child currently attends St Bede's. We are parishioners at the Clifton Cathedral - you'll normally find us at the 9.30am Family Mass! I look forward to using my professional skills and experience to support the college in the coming years.



Dr Elisa Vigna, Foundation Trustee and Chair of Governors

I am a Research Associate at the National Centre for Mental Health at Cardiff University, with a background in Educational and Developmental Psychology. I am passionate about autism and learning disability and I enjoy working with young people to break down barriers and stereotypes, to influence policy and to make positive changes. I strongly believe every child should have the best chance in education to succeed in life.

I am Italian and I am a St Bede's parent. I hope my experience and knowledge will be an asset to the college.



Mrs Alison Duckett, Parent Trustee

I have a degree in chemical engineering, have worked for 20 years in manufacturing and gained an MBA. Previously a Governor of a primary school for 7 years where I served on the Finance and Premises committee and was Chair of the Standards committee. I am a St Bede's parent. I am trustworthy and committed. I can think strategically and challenge when necessary. My aim is to do the best I possibly can for the pupils of St Bede's.



Mrs Malgorzata Weiss, Parent Trustee

I am keen to support the growth and wellbeing of our school community. I am Polish by nationality and hold a Master's degree in History and Politics, which gives me a broad understanding of society, culture, and education. As a Coach and Coach Ambassador, I bring strong communication, leadership, and people development skills. In my role as a Clinical Systems Specialist with University Hospitals Bristol & Weston Trust, I work collaboratively to drive improvement. I'm passionate about helping young people reach their potential and would be honoured to contribute to the College's vision and success.



Mrs Marina Smith, Staff Trustee

Vice Principal, St Bede's Catholic College

Leading Curriculum, Personnel and Resources

Formerly an Assistant Headteacher and Leader of Science.

With previous experience as a primary school governor and in school leadership at different levels, I look forward to working as a governor to ensure the continued success of St Bede's and support all the members of the college community in reaching their God-given potential.



Mrs Lisa Barton, Staff Trustee

I am an experienced Sixth Form Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Officer with nearly ten years' service within the sixth form. During this time, I have developed a thorough understanding of post-16 education, student welfare, and the operational demands of a busy sixth form environment.

I play a key role in supporting students' academic progress, personal development, and wellbeing, working closely with senior leaders, teaching staff, parents, and external agencies. As Deputy Safeguarding Officer, I demonstrate a strong commitment to safeguarding and child protection, ensuring that policies and procedures are consistently implemented and that students feel safe, supported, and able to thrive.

