

# The Governing Body of Redmaids' High School



**Mr Andrew Hillman**  
**Chair of the Governing Body**

Andrew was a Partner in Deloitte LLP for 18 years. Previously he spent ten years at the sharp end of manufacturing before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1986. Since retiring from Deloitte, Andrew has spent time working with businesses in need of reshaping. For 12 years until the end of 2011 Andrew was a Governor of Shrewsbury School and from 2011 until 2017 he was Chairman of Bristol Charities.



**Mrs Elizabeth Clarkson, MSc BA (Hons), FCIH**  
**Vice Chair of Governing Body, Governance (Chair) and Finance & Audit Committees**

Liz is an old girl of Redland High School and a social housing professional. She has been chief executive of two housing associations and has specialised in gender issues. As Chief Executive of Housing for Women she developed domestic violence refuges across London and also projects supporting young trafficked women and women involved in the criminal justice system. She has wide experience of the charity sector both in executive and non-executive roles. She is passionate about promoting opportunities for girls and women and helping them achieve their full potential.



**Mrs Rosemary Heald, BA in Jurisprudence from Pembroke College, Oxford.**  
**Vice Chair of Governing Body, Finance & Audit, Governance and Facilities & Resources Committees**

Rosemary trained as a solicitor at Clifford Chance in London and then spent 4 years in their commercial department, moving to Veale Wasbrough Vizards in Bristol as head of Intellectual Property and a commercial department partner. After 8 years she moved to the Institute of Physics and was their Group Legal Adviser for 11 years. Rosemary is also a Governor of Bath Spa University and has previously been a trustee, director and the company secretary for Bristol Festivals. Currently a non-practising solicitor, Rosemary lives in Bristol with her husband and two sons.



**Mrs Katie Atkins, BA PGCE**  
**Safeguarding & Education and Facilities & Resources Committees**

Katie is a highly experienced Primary teacher who was Head of PE and School Sport at Elmlea Junior School from 2005-2017. She has worked as a Primary PE Advisor for Wesport, providing bespoke support to schools in PE and Sport Development and has been a regular speaker on Primary Sport and Inclusion at the annual Wesport Conference for PGCE students at UWE. In 2017 Katie founded Nordic4, a Bristol-based Nordic Walking company that teaches adults, children and teens. A mother of two former Red Maids and Chair of the Red Maids' Junior School PTA (2008-11) and Senior School PTA (2012-15), Katie has a long association with the School.



**Mr Richard Bacon, BSc**  
**Safeguarding & Education Committee**

Richard lives locally, is married with three children, and his daughter was a Red Maid. He is a keen musician, sings regularly with the Exultate Singers, less frequently as a deputy for Bristol Cathedral Choir, and is a Trustee of St George's Bristol. He attends Redland Parish Church, is a member of the PCC, and of the Finance Committee of the Diocese of Bristol. He recently retired from PwC where he led the Public Sector practice, specialising in higher education. He is an audit committee member of UK Research and Innovation and Governor of UWE.



**Mrs Valerie Dixon, BSc (Hons)**  
**Safeguarding & Education Committee (Chair)**

Val's first career was in the Scientific Civil Service and then with U.K Atomic Energy Authority. After a break to look after her small children, Val joined Red Maids' as a teacher of mathematics, moving on to become Head of Mathematics and then Deputy Head. Val retired in 2005 and became a governor in 2007.



**Ms Sally Dore, BA (MA Cantab) in Economics, University of Cambridge, MA in International Relations**

**Safeguarding & Education and Governance Committees**

Sally has extensive governance experience and has undertaken roles at the National Trust and British Museum. A Governor at Redland High School since 2013, Sally was Chair of Governors at Sefton Park Infant School for 5 years and is currently Community Governor at the Sefton Park Infant and Junior School Federation. Sally is a second-hand and antiquarian bookseller, a freelance author on social history and gives seminars on early printing and the early history of Shakespeare's plays in local Sixth Forms.



**Dr Bisola Ezobi, BSc (Hons), Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery, University of Bristol**

Bisola is a former Head Girl and boarder at Red Maids' and completed her medical studies at the University of Bristol. Currently working as a GP Partner at a practice in Bath, Bisola leads on safeguarding for children and young adults, cancer care, palliative care and care homes. An experienced mentor for university students, Bisola has three young children.



**Dr Abdul Farooq, MScs (Dist) in Robotics & Automations and Manufacturing Information Systems, PhD in Machine Vision, UWE**

Abdul currently holds a senior position in the Electronics & Robotics Department at UWE and has significant experience of the UK's higher education landscape from both academic leadership and research perspectives. He has extensive industrial experience and a diverse background of work experience and culture.

Married and living locally, Abdul is a parent of a former Redland High School student.



**Mr James Fox, MA (Hons)  
Finance & Audit Committee**

James is the Regional Director of the Bristol Office of Rathbone Investment Management Limited. In addition to his management responsibilities, he manages investment portfolios for charities, individuals, trusts and pensions. He also sits on Rathbones' IT Steering, Training and Social and Environmental committees. He is a graduate of Cambridge University with an MA (Hons) in English Literature.



**Mrs Elizabeth Fry, LLB Hons, University of Bristol  
Safeguarding & Education Committee**

Elizabeth is a solicitor and equity partner at Wards Solicitors LLP, a full service firm of over 200 employees. She qualified in 1986 and is a Legal 500 accredited specialist in contentious trust and probate work and also Head of the Disputes Team. She is a member of the Association of Trust and Probate Specialists and a member of the Court of Protection Practitioner's Association. Both Elizabeth and her daughter are old girls of Redland High School. She has been a champion of opportunities for women throughout her career and is keen to see girls fulfil their potential.



**Mr Mike Henry**

A Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Mike was Jones Lang LaSalle's Lead Director for Corporate Real Estate in the South Region, with over thirty years' experience in all aspects of the UK property market. He specialised in advising major organisations in both the public and private sectors in strategic estate analysis and planning. One of his major clients was the University of Bristol. President of the Bristol Property Agents' Association in 2000, Mike was a member of the Executive of the British Council for Offices, and Chair of the South West Region. Mike is also a Governor of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.



**Mr Richard Page BA (Hons), FCA**  
**Chair of Finance & Audit Committee**

Richard has over 35 years' experience working in professional services with Ernst & Young, developing broad experience and commercial acumen in financial matters and in assessing business propositions and risk to advise a wide variety of businesses. He is currently leading EY's financial services audit and assurance practice in the South West & Wales. Richard joined the governing body at Redland High School in December 2014 and chaired the Finance Committee at Redland. He is also the father of two Redland old girls.



**Mrs Gillian Rowcliffe, BEd**  
**Safeguarding & Education Committee**

Gillian completed her BEd at Bristol University before teaching, for seven years, at Redland High Junior School. In 1986 she arrived in an empty building with the brief to create a junior school. She then spent the next 29 years as the Headteacher of The Red Maids' Junior School, which she described as 'specialising in all-round excellence'. She retired in 2014, leaving a thriving school, in an award-winning building, with over 120 pupils. It was listed as 'outstanding' in all areas during the last ISI Inspection and consistently ranks as one of the Top 100 Prep Schools in the country. A further expansion took place in 2015 to accommodate the ongoing demand for places. She has two sons who both went to QEH.



**Mrs Anne Taylor**  
**Facilities & Resources Committee (Chair)**

Anne was educated at Red Maids' and worked for the Old Girls' Society (now The Red Maids' Society) for the next 10 years, becoming the youngest ever Chairman in 1967 and is still very actively involved in the running of the Society. Anne spent her working life in the travel industry and during the last 15 years of her career was a Director for Thornton's Travel Service in Bristol.



**Mrs Juliet White**

Juliet trained as a Solicitor and was in practice for over 25 years. She was a Law Society accredited Personal Injury Expert and an accredited Mediator. Juliet was Vice Chair of Governors at Filton Avenue Infant School; other close links with community-based organisations included offering pro bono legal advice as a Board Member of Bristol and Avon Law Society, Student Mentor with BPP University Law School and Board Member of United Housing Association. Juliet's daughter was a Red Maid.