

# The Governing Body of Redmaids' High School



**Mr Andrew Hillman**

**Appointed June 2012**

**Chair of the Governing Body since December 2018**

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 Clarson, MSc BA (Hons), FCIH**

**Appointed May 2016**

**Vice Chair of Governing Body and Governance, Risk & Compliance (Chair)**

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 Katie Atkins, BA PGCE**

**Appointed September 2018**

**Education Committee (Chair)**

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 FCA**

**Appointed February 2019**

**Education and Governance, Risk & Compliance 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 Vice Chair of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance and is currently the Chief Executive and Chapter Clerk of Llandaff Cathedral. Richard was a Partner at PwC where he led the Public Sector practice, specialising in higher education. He is a Governor and Chair of the Audit committee member of UWE and is a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Royal Society.



**Mrs Perdita Davidson, BA Hons, PGCE**

**Appointed September 2022**

**Education Committee**

Perdita has lived in Bristol since she studied English Literature and then completed a PGCE at Bristol University. She taught English in several comprehensive schools in Bristol and Wiltshire for the first 18 years of her career, before taking the post of Deputy Head at Redland High School in September 2000. She remained in this role until the merger with The Red Maids' School, when she undertook to remain as Acting Head on the Redland site for its final year and then joining the Westbury site as a member of the Senior Management Team of Redmaids' High. She has experience as Head of Department, Pastoral Lead, whole school planning and ISI inspection. She is currently Co-President of the Redland High Old Girls' Guild and remains an advocate for all girls' education, having been a student at a London girls' school herself as well as sending her three daughters to a well-known Bristol equivalent.



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

**Appointed May 2016**

**Safeguarding, Education and Governance, Risk & Compliance 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. She is also the mother of a former Redland High School student.



**Dr Bisola Ezobi, BSc (Hons), Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery, University of Bristol  
Appointed September 2020**

**Education and Safeguarding Committees**

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, Chartered Engineer with the IET, PhD in Machine Vision, UWE**

**Appointed September 2020**

**Education and Governance, Risk & Compliance Committees**

Abdul currently holds a senior position in the School of Engineering at UWE and has significant experience of the UK's higher education landscape from both academic leadership, research and business engagement 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.



**Mrs Elizabeth Fry, LLB Hons, University of Bristol**

**Appointed February 2019**

**Safeguarding Committee (Chair) and 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.



**Mrs Rosemary Heald, BA in Jurisprudence from Pembroke College, Oxford.**

**Appointed May 2016**

**Finance Committee**

Rosemary trained as a solicitor at Clifford Chance in London and spent several years in their commercial department before moving to Veale Wasbrough Vizards in Bristol where she became Head of Intellectual Property and a commercial department partner. She then moved to the Institute of Physics and was its Group Legal Adviser for many years. Rosemary has previously been a Governor of Bath Spa University and a trustee, director and the company secretary for Bristol Festivals. Rosemary is currently a Chair of the Valuation Tribunal for England and a Director of Norland College in Bath. Rosemary lives in Bristol with her husband and enjoys playing chamber music with friends.



**Mr Mike Henry, FRICS**

**Appointed May 2016**

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 was until recently a Governor of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.



**Mr Richard Page BA (Hons), FCA**

**Appointed May 2016**

**Chair of Finance Committee**

Richard has over 40 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 a partner in EY's financial services audit and assurance practice based in Bristol. He is also EY's representative on the ICAEW's pensions group and has also successfully completed Insead's Sustainable Finance Programme. Richard joined the governing body at Redland High School in December 2014 and previously chaired the Finance Committee at Redland. He is also the father of two Redland old girls and a keen follower of most sports, but most significantly Bristol Rugby.