

## Loughborough Schools Foundation Governor Biographies

### **MR ROGER HARRISON, MA (Cantab) Dip Arch RIBA – CHAIR OF LOUGHBOROUGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION BOARD**

Roger was educated at Loughborough Grammar School, following which he read Architecture at Jesus College, Cambridge. He then went on to complete his architectural education in Sheffield, after years out working in London and Kuala Lumpur. Following qualification Roger worked for Brimelow McSweeney Architects in central London for 5 years on largely commercial schemes, before moving back to the East Midlands to work for a residential property developer. In 2007 Roger set up his own practice in Nottingham where he continues to handle a variety of commercial and residential projects and has built up extensive experience of working on Listed Buildings.

In addition to a passion for historic buildings, Roger enjoys participating in sport having recently taken up trail running he also plays tennis for two teams and helps to run his local tennis club.



### **DR MONA ASLAM, MBChB DCH MRCPCH**

Mona has been working as a Consultant Paediatrician for 17 yrs and as Designated Doctor for Children in Care for the last 3 years. Her work covers a wide range of issues which young people of today have to deal with. She enjoys working with young children and recognises the impact society has on their hopes, aspirations and their lives.

Mona has been part of the Foundation since her eldest who started at Fairfield last year graduated as a doctor. This year has thrown up some new experiences and an online graduation ceremony was certainly not the same experience as a parent. But there is much to be thankful for and look forward to. Her other children have also been at the Foundation.

In her little spare time Mona enjoys walking, sometimes even jogging and cycling through the beautiful countryside. She like being creative, sewing and upcycling. She enjoys learning and taking on a challenge and is enjoying watching the children grow into young adults albeit with some new challenges for her.



### **MR ANDY BOWDEN**

Andy is an experienced business professional who has worked in the aerospace industry for over 25 years.

After graduating from the University of Nottingham with a degree in Mathematics and Statistics, Andy qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte and Touche. He then relocated to the East Midlands and joined Rolls-Royce plc, where he currently works in the company's head office finance team. During his career, Andy has held a number of senior management roles including holding directorships of UK and overseas subsidiary companies. He has also held a number of voluntary posts including being a trustee and Executive Committee member of a company leisure club. In addition to being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Andy holds Association of Corporate Treasurer qualifications.

Andy's children both attended the Loughborough Schools Foundation schools. Together with his wife and another parent, Andy administered one of the school bus services on a voluntary basis for eight years.



### **Mr JASON CIMURS**

Jason Cimurs was educated at Fairfield Preparatory School and Loughborough Grammar School, following which he earned his BSc in Information Management with Accounting from the University of Essex.

Jason is a qualified accountant, and worked in a variety of different finance leadership roles in London, British Virgin Islands, Hong Kong and Singapore, before settling back in Loughborough. He's currently working as a Director within the recruitment industry.

Jason lives close to the school with his wife and two sons, who both attend Loughborough Grammar School.



### **MRS ANN CLARK**

Ann attended a girls' Direct Grant School before studying Modern and Medieval Languages (French, German and Spanish) at the University of Cambridge.

After a two year Graduate Management Course with National Westminster Bank, she trained to be a teacher and taught Modern Foreign Languages in a number of 11-18 mixed comprehensive schools, where roles included Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Assistant Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead, timetabler and Deputy Headteacher. She also worked in a Further Education College, where in addition to teaching French and German to A Level students, she was responsible for organising courses in professional development for Derbyshire teachers and for selling modern languages training to industry. At the University of Sheffield, she worked in the Education Department, training teachers of Modern Languages. Most recently, she retired in September 2020 from her post as Principal of King Edward VI High School for Girls, a selective girls' independent school which was repeatedly named the Sunday Times 'Parent Power' School of the West Midlands during her tenure.

She has two adult children who attended Nottingham High School and Nottingham Girls' High School.

Post retirement, she moved back to Derbyshire where she enjoys walking with her husband and dog in the beautiful Peak District, seeing friends and gardening. She also enjoys theatre, opera and classical music and having time to read again.



### **MRS ELIZABETH CRITCHLEY, MA (Oxon)**

Elizabeth has a MA in Literae Humaniores (Classics) from the University of Oxford. After university, she qualified and was in practice as a solicitor in central London. Elizabeth recently retired, after twenty two years as a senior lecturer in Law at Nottingham Trent University, where she specialised in Trusts Law.

In addition to teaching, Elizabeth was tutor for the Final Year with responsibility for the oversight of pastoral and disciplinary matters and academic progression of all final year students on the Law School's undergraduate programmes. She also taught on the post graduate professional courses in law and was a programme leader for the Graduate Diploma in Law. Originally from Northumberland, Elizabeth lives in Leicestershire with her husband, Stephen. Her two sons, Thomas and William, who live and work in London, are former pupils of Loughborough Grammar School. She has been a governor of a local primary school and a churchwarden.



**DR JAMES ESSON, BA, MSc, PhD**

James is Reader in Human Geography at Loughborough University, having studied at Newcastle University, University of Oxford and University College London. He currently holds a range of leadership and governance roles at Loughborough University, which enable him to contribute to the development, approval and monitoring of institutional strategies and policies. James' research on children's rights and safeguarding has been supported by UNICEF, and his expertise in learning and teaching has been recognised nationally and internationally, including by the Royal Geographical Society.

James is married with three children. His eldest child attends Loughborough Grammar School, his middle child is at Fairfield Prep, and his youngest is still in nappies. When he gets a moment to himself, he currently turns to the work of Eiichiro Oda, Ben Okri or Ama Ata Aidoo for entertainment. James is also a big fan of highlife music and his dancing is notorious for providing comic relief at family gatherings. He lives in Loughborough.

**MR ANDREW HARRIS, MA**

Andrew Harris is Director of Campaigns and Alumni Relations at the University of Sheffield, a role that he started on October 2020. Andrew spent 7 years on the Executive Board of Aston University.

Andrew has 22 years' experience working with charities and good causes such as The Royal British Legion, Children with Leukaemia, CLIC, Victim Support and Oxford University. The last 20 years have been spent in the education sector.

Prior to taking the role at Aston, Andrew spent 3 years as Director of Development at Cheltenham College. Andrew helped the College deliver the first 2 phases of a Major Capital Campaign that included a substantial refurbishment to the College's main building and the construction of a new boarding house. Prior to College, Andrew spent 8 years at the University of Birmingham as Head of Major Gifts and with a very able team took a £60m Campaign from feasibility study through to completion.

Outside of work Andrew has two children, Jacob and Martha; is passionate about all sport (particularly those that involve a racquet) and loves reading and politics.



## **AIR VICE-MARSHAL GRAHAM HOWARD, MA CB**

Graham grew up and was educated in Spalding, Lincolnshire, and studied for an MA in Defence Studies at King's College University of London. Graham is currently the Director of Estates and Facilities Management at Loughborough University, a role he has held since early 2019. He is responsible for the strategic development and operational management of the University's two campuses, in Loughborough and London and leads the largest professional services department at the University comprising 725 staff and exercising responsibility for large budget.

Before his appointment at Loughborough, he spent 4 years as a Director with KPMG based in London working with public sector clients on major capital programmes and projects.

Much of Graham's working life has been spent in the Royal Air Force before retiring in the rank of Air-Vice Marshal in 2014 as the senior military Logistician in the UK Armed Forces. His last regular appointment was as the Assistant Chief of Defence Staff responsible for Logistics Support to all UK Joint Forces deployed on global operations. During the course of a 34-year career, Graham deployed on multiple operations including to Afghanistan, Iraq, the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He was appointed a Companion of the Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2014.

Graham maintains his military links as a senior RAF Reserve Officer chairing Ministry of Defence Service Complaints Panel Tribunals and as President of the Tactical Supply Wing and Servicing Commando Association. Married to Jaki who also served in the RAF and is a Practice Nurse, they have three adult daughters living between Aberdeen and Kent and live in South Northamptonshire. Interests include trying to maintain a 16<sup>th</sup> Century property and its large garden, family, travel and trying to maintain a reasonable level of fitness. He believes he may still be the RAF's veteran Luge champion on the basis that no one else has been foolish enough to make a challenge.



## **MR TONY JONES, BA FCA**

Tony is an experienced business advisor and has held senior Board positions in a number of UK businesses. Tony is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a graduate of the University of Nottingham.

Tony commenced his career at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in the East Midlands in 1980 after which he became Finance Director within the Sears plc retail conglomerate. He then served as Group Finance and Operations Director of Camelot Group plc. Subsequently Tony has worked in a number of private equity owned businesses including Wyevale Garden Centres and also set up his own independent business consulting firm. Tony has acted as Chairman and non-executive director of a number of retail businesses, adviser to a global investment firm and consultant to the European Lotteries Association.

Currently Tony is consultant to a leading merger broker and non-executive adviser to a retail technology business. He is the former Foundation chair and chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee at the Schools Foundation.

An East Midlands man, Tony still lives locally with his wife and is parent of two former LGS boys. He is a former Chairman of Loughborough Round Table, a passionate Leicester Tigers fan, an active cyclist and a keen but infrequent golfer.



### **SISTER CELINE LEYDON**

After 3 years as a pupil at the Our Lady's Convent School Celine joined the Sisters of Providence Order as a Montessori Teacher at Belsize Park in London. In 1969 she joined the staff at Our Lady's Convent School (now Amherst School) and spent 37 years at the School, 20 of those as Head of the Primary Department and with 17 years in charge of boarding.

Now retired, Celine is engaged as Administrator at Rosmini House and continues to have the interests of the School as a whole at heart. Her interests include playing the piano and sewing.



### **MRS ROWENA LIMB, OBE, MA (Cantab)**

Rowena is a Senior Civil Servant, currently the Area Director for Government's Cities and Local Growth Unit in the East Midlands & South East Midlands.

Rowena joined the Civil Service from University, beginning in an inner city benefit office and then holding various posts with Department for Education's forerunners both regionally and nationally including working on Jobseekers Allowance legislation, developing a National Qualification for Head Teachers and regionalisation of the European Social Fund. She has also spent some time on secondment to the Royal National Institute for the Blind's vocational college.

She was brought up initially in the Netherlands but returned to the UK for secondary education at LHS, before reading Geography at Cambridge; where she was chair of Student Community Action – the university's volunteering service. A keen hockey player at school and university she now supports her daughter (ex LHS) and son (LGS) in their hockey ambitions.



### **MR SIMON MORRIS, MA (Cantab)**

Simon Morris is a recently retired headteacher with over 30 years' experience in independent education. Educated at Ipswich School and St John's College, Cambridge, he initially worked for Arthur Andersen & Co before taking a PGCE at Christ Church College, Canterbury. He subsequently taught Modern Languages at Warwick School (where he was also Head of German) and The Leys School, Cambridge (where he was Head of Modern Languages and a Boarding Housemaster), before becoming Deputy Head at St John's School, Leatherhead. In 2008 he became Head of Kingswood School, Bath, where he remained until his retirement in 2020. He has experience of governance and trusteeship in a variety of both state and independent schools and is currently the Chair of the Education Committee at Queenswood School and a member of the Governing Body at Woodhouse Grove School. He is a former ISI Team inspector and a current senior leader appraiser with the Methodist Independent Schools Trust.

Simon is the Nominated Safeguarding Governor for the Foundation.

Simon lives in Derbyshire and is married to Caroline, a secondary school Modern Languages teacher. They have three adult children. His interests include sport (and particularly cricket, golf, rugby and football, the latter as a long suffering supporter of Ipswich Town) and literature (particularly Modern European).



### **MRS ANNA MURPHY, MA**

For the last 18 years Anna has worked at the House of Lords where she is currently Head of the centre which offers expert advice to Members and others on House procedure (the formal and informal rules of its everyday activities).

Anna is an old girl of Our Lady's Convent School and after leaving there in 1996 she went to study at Durham University (University College).

Anna loves sport; she plays netball and also spends a large amount of time alongside her husband watching their three children play sport. She is also an active parishioner at St Mary's Catholic Church in Loughborough which is where Anna's family have worshipped for five generations.



### **MR SUNNY SHAH**

Sunny Shah was educated at Fairfield Preparatory School and Loughborough Grammar School, following which he earned his BSc in Business Mathematics and Statistics from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.

Sunny has spent the last 18 years as a professional in financial services in London and New York. Most recently as Managing Director for Goldman Sachs International **Investment** Banking and Head of EMEA Metals and Mining. Currently, Sunny is exploring a number of entrepreneurial ventures focused on energy transition.

Sunny lives in London with his wife and their two young children. They frequently return to the East Midlands to visit family and friends. Sunny is a keen traveller, passionate about spending time with family and other hobbies include skiing, cycling, golf and reading.

