



## The Schelwood Trust

### **TRUSTEE BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **Wendy Barnett**



Wendy has been Chair Of the local Governing board at Herschel Grammar School for the last three years. Having benefited from an excellent Grammar school education herself, she has been delighted to have both her children attend Herschel Grammar School and became a parent governor in 2010. She has continued to develop her interest and experience in all aspects of education over the past decade and it has proven extremely rewarding seeing young people achieve their aspirations.

Wendy is self-employed and turned her passion into a business many years ago, offering grounds maintenance, Horticulture, Sports facilities and Garden design services to many local schools, colleges and senior housing sectors. Professional qualifications from the Football Association, IOSH, and The Institute of Groundsmen add to her “Green credentials”. Wendy uses these skills to support local environmental Charities and encourage Eco projects locally.

Wendy brings an in-depth knowledge of the varied local educational landscape to the Trust, and enjoys both the differences and commonalities of both Trust Schools. She is dedicated, enthusiastic and hopes to continue to support excellent teaching so our young people can achieve their goals and go on to lead happy and successful lives.

## Julian Ingram



Julian is a business leader, director and senior brand and marketing professional with over twenty-five years' experience and a track record of driving major growth. He spent most of his career working for some of the world's largest Advertising Agencies, helping his clients to do better more creative marketing. He has managed both individual agencies and diverse teams across the world. A key part of his success over the years was his focus on developing people through coaching and mentoring to create high performing teams.

Julian is currently working as a consultant and recently became a founding member of HumanKind; a group of marketeers offering their services Pro Bono to small charities and causes.

He is a graduate of the London School of Economics and a Fellow of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising and brings to our board experience in strategy, marketing, communication and business development and wants to use these skills to help attract great teaching talent to help our students achieve their best.

## Krishna Iyar



Krishna is a chartered accountant with extensive experience in providing risk and controls advisory and assurance services to clients. He is currently a Director in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

He is also an active blogger, public speaker and social media influencer on Technology Risk, having contributed to various thought leadership on third party risk, cloud security and compliance in the cloud including a paper on "the role of Internal audit in auditing cloud" for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW).

He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Bombay. Krishna is part of the Finance and Risk Committee and brings his knowledge of Finance and Risk in helping us deliver our finance strategy.

## **Jon Reekie**



Jon retired at the age of fifty-two after having served thirty-four years at NatWest Bank, finally ending his career as a Manager at the Farnham Road Slough branch. He then took a post to set up the finance function of the Medical Research Council at Hammersmith hospital before finally retiring as Business Manager at Herschel Grammar School.

Jon is also involved in his hometown in helping to deliver improvements and is a Trustee and Company Secretary to Maidenhead Waterways Regeneration Group. He is also a supporter and season ticket holder of Maidenhead United Football Club.

He has concentrated on governance in multi academy trusts and brings a wide experience, gained over a long period of time in the education sector.

## **Robbie Robertson**



Robbie is a non-executive director and chairman of public and private companies, and educational charities. His executive career was in natural resources, spanning over thirty years, living in four continents. It culminated in being Chief Executive of Tarmac.

Current business roles include chairmanships of a listed investment trust and a private newspaper business. Geographically, interests range from the Orkney to the Falkland Islands.

Educationally, he chaired the board of the British School of Rio de Janeiro, and Project Trust.

Robbie attended Christ Church, Oxford and has an MA in Modern History. He brings to our board a keen interest in education, and in ensuring that the trust is run in a business-like fashion, to gain the greatest educational attainment for our young people, with the resources available.

## **Jo Rockall**



Jo Rockall is the current Headteacher of Herschel Grammar School, a role she has held since 2010. She has worked in secondary schools for over twenty-eight years in a variety of roles and school types. As teacher she recognises the critical importance of education to a child's life chances and as a school leader has been effective in ensuring this moral purpose lies at the heart of every decision made.

She led the school through its transition to academy status in 2012 and then into the multi-academy trust in 2016.

Jo believes fundamentally in the power of collaboration across schools and community to ensure the best possible outcomes for young people. As a result, she was part of the collaboration of secondary Headteachers which established two free schools in Slough and currently Chairs the SASH Education Trust which was established to set up these two schools. She is also Vice Chair of Haybrook College Trust which provides alternative and special education in Slough and beyond.

She brings to the board a deep and thorough knowledge and understanding of education covering teaching and learning, curriculum, leadership and management, student support and safeguarding and educational finance. She is skilled at working with the range of stakeholders involved in the Trust and wider Slough community.

## **Jamie Rockman**

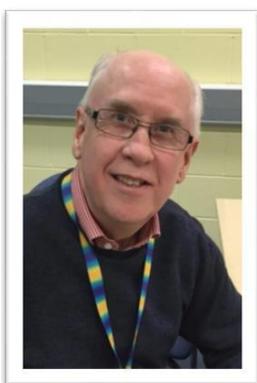


Jamie Rockman is Executive Headteacher of Haybrook College in Slough. An Alternative Provision and Special School for young people that have a wide range of complex Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) issues, along with providing Pupil Referral Unit services to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Jamie currently sits on a number of strategic development boards and panels across Slough including, Schools Forum, Slough Education Partnership Board, SEND Partnership Board and Thames Valley Violence Reduction Task Group. He is also Treasurer for the Slough Association of Secondary Headteachers.

Before training as a primary school teacher and moving in to special educational needs, Jamie enjoyed a ten year career at News International Corporation as a Team Leader for News International Newspaper. He brings a wealth of experience from both the private and public sector including Strong Leadership, Strategic Development and secure financial oversight to ensure our young people receive the best possible education.

## **Paul Rowley**



Paul's background is in industry and which began by doing an apprenticeship in product design at EMI Records. Paul became a production manager in metal packaging and also a factory manager/director in paper packaging. He joined the NHS in 1991 and worked as a Non-Clinical Director of Operational Services for a local NHS Hospital Trust. From there Paul became managing director of Berkshire, Hampshire and Derbyshire Shared Services in the NHS and is a consultant in transformation

in NHS Primary Care (GP Surgeries). Paul is currently the advisor/project manager for four new GP surgery Hubs in East Berkshire.

Paul is currently Chair of Beechwood Local Governing Board and Vice-Chair of The Schelwood Trust, as well as acting interim Chair of the Trust Finance,

Audit and Risk Committee. Paul was also the lead governor for finance at Slough & Eton School for ten years. His strengths are in finance, budgeting, HR and personnel, premises and capital projects, strategic planning, change management, community engagement, school improvement planning, school inspections and dealing with OFSTED. Paul is very involved in one of the local Parish Councils and is the Chair of the Farnham Royal Parish Council.

In his free time Paul has been Chair of the First Datchet Sea Scouts as well as a Trustee of the ME Society.

## **Salima Shariff**



An accomplished senior HR leader recognised for building board-level strategies that transform people and culture functions across the international arena, Salima combines over twenty-two years' experience with a deep knowledge of engagement, performance improvement and talent acquisition to guide seamless change journeys in market-leading organisations.

As a passionate leader and trusted collaborator, she helps to build workforces that will create a sustainable future for the world and everyone within it. Throughout her career Salima has championed diversity and inclusion to broaden talent pools and elevate business performance. In her current role she is responsible for developing and executing the strategic vision to identify the best talent in the industry. At the heart of her role, she supports our network consisting of thousands of employees to reach their full potential and support them on their path to success, regardless of the walk of life they have come from. Salima helps to make people happy in their work – that has to be the best job going.

Salima has a BSc. in Chemistry from Imperial College and a MA in Human Resource Management from Middlesex Business School and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development

Salima brings to our board experience in managing people, building culture, recruitment and HR and wants to use these skills to ensure our community builds on its strengths to enable our students to excel in all aspects of their lives.

## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

### Vamsi Krishna Chinthapalli



Krishna is a consultant neurologist working at Wexham Park Hospital, King Edward VII Hospital, the Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy and the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery.

He has previously been a community governor at William Morris Sixth Form (2010-2015) and is keen to continue his involvement with secondary education, particularly in relation to student welfare and healthcare careers.

He obtained a first-class BSc in Neuroscience and MBBS Medicine at Imperial College. He later completed a PhD in Neuroscience at UCL. He is now an honorary senior lecturer and examiner at UCL Institute of Neurology in London. He has previously been an honorary clinical lecturer at Imperial College London. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in recognition of his extensive undergraduate and postgraduate medical teaching.

He lives near Langley with his wife and daughter.

### Edward John

Edward's professional background is in finance and he is currently a self-employed Director of Operational Finance for the NHS. Edward has a wealth of experience in finance, accountancy, audit and risk management, budgeting, people management, premises and capital projects, strategic planning and project management which he brings to the role of Governor.

John is a previous Community Governor at Herschel Grammar School and is currently Vice Chair of Governors at Wexham School.

## **Maggie Waller**



Maggie has extensive education experience, having worked in a range of settings for over forty years. She began teaching in secondary education, progressing early in her career to be Head of English in a large comprehensive school in Durham. She later worked in Local Authorities in Outer London with responsibilities including the introduction of Local Management in Schools and managing services including Governor Support and Admissions.

She has been an independent education consultant since 1998 working as an interim manager, consultant and facilitator, working in both Local Authorities at senior management level and with schools. Most recently, she has focussed on working with academies and Multi-Academy Trusts. She also worked for the Pacific Institute, a well-respected company providing leadership training.

She is a member and former Chair of Slough Schools Forum, the consultative body on schools' funding. She is Chair of Governors at Eton Dornay C of E First School and a member of the Finance Committee of Holy Family School, Slough. She also volunteers with several organisations including the Talking Newspaper for the Blind.

Now semi-retired, Maggie relishes spending more time with her family and friends and loves the theatre, walking the dog and travel.

## **Peter Ward**

In his professional life Peter has been a Deputy Headteacher of a secondary school and a Senior Secondary Advisor to the Slough Local Authority.

As a Governor Peter brings skills in HR and personnel, recruitment, grievances and appeals, people management, both performance and training, strategic planning, data analysis, safeguarding and school improvement planning. Paul has experience of school inspection and Ofsted, admissions, exclusions and appeals.