

SET MEMBERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Peter Rout – Chair of Trustees



Peter has four children, all of whom have been educated at Wymondham College. He became a Parent Governor of the College in 1994 starting what has become a long and rewarding time on the Governing Body. He is proud to be a chairman of a forward-looking organisation that continues to flourish in the ever changing world of education.

SET Member

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee (Chair)

SET Board - Audit & Risk Committee

SET Board - Standards Committee

SET Board - HR & Remuneration Committee

Mrs Diana Ralphs – Chair of Members



My association with Wymondham College dates from my marriage into the Ralphs family (my late father-in-law was Chief Education Officer for Norfolk and founder of the College). I was privileged to serve as a Governor and then Vice Chairman of Governors. I played an active part in the discussions about the inception and foundation of the Sapienta Education Trust. I continue to be impressed at the dedication of those whose vocation is to support schools and students in Norfolk in pursuit of excellence in education.

SET Member - Chair

Mr Adrian Underwood OBE



I have been involved in education and boarding schools for over forty-five years, having been a housemaster and a head of department and, for twenty-two years I was Headmaster of a senior independent boarding and day school. From 1998-2006 I was the National Director of the Boarding Schools' Association. I was a Lead Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate and the Education Development Trust for the past fifteen years and I still act as a consultant to a number of schools.

SET Member

Wymondham College LGB - Boarding Governor

SET Board - Boarding Advisor

Mrs Sandra Dinneen



After attending Wymondham College, I graduated from University College London and after some interesting jobs abroad, came back to Norfolk. I have spent the majority of my time in Norfolk working in the economic development field and moved to become Chief Executive of South Norfolk Council in 2008. I am currently the Chairman of the District Councils' Network working on shaping and influencing government policy in Westminster on behalf of all district councils. I

strongly believe in the value of a rounded education for all our children and the key role skills development plays in driving economic growth.

SET Member

Mrs Maggie Abel



As a past pupil of Wymondham College, parent and grandparent, I'm actively involved as a Director of our family house building business in Norfolk.

As an employer, I can see the benefit of a well-rounded education system that delivers young people properly prepared for the workplace.

SET Member

Mr Philip Norton - Vice Chairman



A former Partner at Hansells, I am now a Consultant for Private Client and Charity Law at the firm. I am a Trustee of Wymondham College Trust and some well-established local charities, some with a medical and others with an educational emphasis. I also advise charities both locally and nationally on legal and governance matters. I have three daughters who were students at Wymondham College.

Chairman of Wymondham College LGB

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee

SET Board - Audit & Risk Committee

SET Board - Standards Committee

Mr Jonathan Taylor – CEO



Jonathan was the Principal of Wymondham College in Norfolk between 2014 and 2018. He was educated at The Leys School Cambridge, Cambridge and at the University of Oxford (Brasenose College) where he was awarded an Open Exhibition and graduated with a Masters Degree in Theology. Following work as a Head of Department and Head of Year, he took up his first senior leadership post at De Aston School, Market Rasen. He then was promoted to Deputy Head at Toot Hill School, Bingham, before his appointment as Vice-CEO of the Torch Academy Gateway Trust. Jonathan is a National Leader of Education and serves on the Executive Group of Norfolk Secondary Education

Leaders and is an executive member of the state boarding forum. In 2016 Jonathan led the creation of SET and in September 2018 took on the full time role of CEO. He is a National Leader of Education and former Ofsted Inspector.

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee

SET Board - HR & Remuneration Committee

SET Board - Standards Committee

SET Board - Audit & Risk Committee

Mr Ian Baker



I am proud to be a trustee of Sapientia Education Trust. I have been a school governor at both primary and secondary schools in Norfolk for over 10 years, more latterly being involved at Wymondham College. My own area of expertise is finance and during my time as a Governor I have used this expertise to support and challenge the finance function. My experience over recent years does leave me well placed to act as a critical friend to the Trust going forward.

SET Board - Audit & Risk Committee (Chair)

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee

SET Board - Responsible Officer

Professor John Last, OBE, FRSA



I am Vice Chancellor of Norwich University of the Arts, which I joined in 2009, having worked in art and design higher education since 1989. In the UK HE sector I have served as a Board member of both the Higher Education Statistics Agency and the Higher Education Academy and am currently the Vice Chair of GuildHE and Chair of the United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association (Ukadia). Within the eastern region, I am Chair of the New Anglia LEP Digital Creative Industries group, a Committee member of the East Anglian Art Fund, a Director of the Forum Trust and a Trustee of the Norwich School, as well as being a Trustee of the Sapientia Trust, which I joined in 2018.

SET Board - HR & Remuneration Committee

Mr Roger Margand



that expertise and experience to help support the Trust.

I am very happy to be a trustee of Sapiaientia Education Trust. My background is as a Partner at Spire Solicitors LLP leading the commercial team and dealing with regulatory and commercial/corporate support and advice. I have been a school governor at both primary and secondary schools in Norfolk for over 18 years both in the free school movement and LEA schools. I am a governor at Framingham Earl High School, a Trustee at Citizens Advice Mid Norfolk and a Non-Executive Director at the James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I look forward to bringing

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee

SET Board - Standards Committee

Ms Lucy Wayman



I have been working in primary education for 28 years, the last 18 as a Headteacher. I currently lead a large local primary school. I have had links with Wymondham College for many years initially as a parent and later as a governor. I have a particular interest in supporting children with additional needs who are in our mainstream schools to receive an appropriate education.

SET Board - Standards Committee (Chair)

SET Board - Safeguarding & SEND Responsibility

Mrs Beth Soule



I have spent 45 years involved in education as a teacher, headteacher, independent adviser and governor. I was part of the team that established Suffolk One (now One) and was a governor there for three years. I have always been committed to comprehensive education and in particular to the role played by rural secondary schools in their local communities. I am also a trustee and vice-chair of Suffolk Poetry Society.

SET Board - Standards Committee

Mr Richard Hill BSc(Hons), CEng, FIMechE



Richard has been with Lotus Cars at Hethel for more than 30 years and is currently Chief Engineer within the Engineering division. “I was a governor at Wymondham College from 2007 to 2016 and am also a director of the University Technical College in Norwich. I have always been deeply committed to excellence in education. It is essential that our young people are given the right environment, and the opportunities and encouragement to excel, right from the beginning of their educational journey, in order to prepare them for the world of employment and lifelong learning. To round off the education and career cycle, I am also a trustee and director of a large occupational pension scheme.”

SET Board - HR & Remuneration Committee (Chair)

Mr Frank Davey BSc FRICs



I have been self-employed for much of my working life, most recently as a consultant Chartered Surveyor. I am also the director of an Estate Agency which I run together with my wife. I have two children currently at Wymondham College. I believe children should have education of the highest competency, and a modern school needs a strong business sense alongside a caring philosophy.

SET Board - Audit & Risk Committee

SET Board - Finance & Infrastructure Committee

SET Board - Health & Safety Responsibility