

Governors



Vikki Matthews

My name is Vikki Matthews and it's my great privilege to be the Chair of Governors for the schools and the nursery within Marine Academy Plymouth (MAP). I have served as a governor at MAP for just over 2 years, and I could not be more proud of the Academy and the achievements of our staff and pupils. In my day job I work as the Chief Talent Officer for Plymouth University. I sit on the University's Executive team and I have pan-institutional responsibilities as well as specific responsibilities for the functions of HR, Legal Services, Equality & Diversity and Occupational Health. I am passionate about the importance of education and I believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to learn in an environment that is respectful and stimulating.

When I'm not working I like to read, travel and play tennis. I live in Kingsbridge with my husband, daughter and our 2 cats.



Siân Millard

Hi there, my name's Siân Millard and I'm a Governor at MAP and a member of the Finance Committee. I've been a MAP Governor for a year now and am thoroughly enjoying serving the schools and nursery. MAP is inspirational. Its level of ambition for its students and staff is fantastic and its commitment to fairness and equity is motivational. I am glad to be involved in MAP's continuing development as it improves and strives for the best for local children.

In my work life I'm Head of Strategy and Performance at Plymouth University and I have a keen interest in the way in which good governance can enable organisations to both fulfil their goals and achieve a great working/learning culture.

I live in Plymouth with my husband and two young daughters, and enjoy spending time with them, DIY, reading, and pretty much any sport to watch or play.



Dr Tanya Ovenden-Hope

Hello, my name is Tanya Ovenden-Hope and I have been a Governor for the Marine Academy Plymouth since it opened in 2010. I am Chair of the Curriculum Committee and link Governor for Teaching and Learning. I

have been a teacher, teacher educator and senior leader in secondary education, Further Education and Higher Education for just over 25 years. I was Head of School (Secondary and Further Education Studies) with Plymouth University, a MAP sponsor, when I became a Governor and am now Director of Education for The Cornwall College Group., which is also a MAP sponsor. Both institutions are dedicated to improving opportunities for, and raising expectations of, students. I am also a Director of a Multi Academy Trust in Cornwall, an Associate Analyst for the Department for Education, a Visiting Research Fellow with Plymouth University and an Adjunct Professor at Cape Breton University in Canada.

In my spare time I write Education books, reports, papers and blogs. I believe that education should and can transform lives and have spent my career engaged in research to develop, enhance and innovate learning and teaching. One research project I am particularly proud of is the Class of 2010. In 2010 I designed a project to explore MAP's journey as an Academy and have interviewed students, teachers and the Principal once a year since then. The Class of 2010 project will be complete in 2017 when the first ever Year 7 of MAP leave compulsory education. Each year a report on the Class of 2010 has been given to the Governors and the students that have taken part, creating a rich history on the priorities of MAP from both the student and teachers' perspectives.



Karl Sweeney

I'm the Safeguarding Governor, Chair of the Student Welfare committee and one of the Local Authority representatives on the governing body. Before joining the LA I was a secondary teacher and Head Of Social Science working in Hong Kong, London, Australia and finally here in the South West, where I've lived since 1988. I've been involved with MAP from the earliest planning stages in 2008/9 and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the school become a success story over the years since then. I enjoy seeing the world, playing squash, walking on the coast, flying my hang glider, watching Man Utd, eating good food and living in Plymouth - the best city in the world.



Beth Gompertz

Hello, my name's Beth Gompertz and I have been a Governor at MAP and a member of the Nursery and Primary and the Curriculum Committees for a year now.

It is a great privilege to be part of such a successful Academy and I enjoy finding out what is happening day to day as well as considering questions for the future.

I work at Plymouth University as the Deputy Director of the Plymouth Institute of Education and have a background in teaching and teacher education. I have particular interest in research around children's rights and voice and in science education and learning in the outdoors.

I live between Totnes and Newton Abbot with my partner and two dogs. My children are all grown up but I still manage to see them frequently. I love walking, reading, cooking and gardening but my real passion is my two horses, one of whom is still a foal who I am bringing up.



Adrian Hollister

"My name is Adrian Hollister and I have been a Governor of MAP since 2013. I am a member of the Finance and Personnel Committees. Along with being a MAP Governor, I am Chair Digital Plymouth and sit on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Smart Cities. In my professional life I am Head of Strategy and Architecture at the University of Plymouth. I have worked in the IT sector for over 20 years and believe that my experience as a digital innovator and strategist makes me well equipped to support MAP as we move into an increasingly digital environment. I am married with 4 children and live on Bodmin Moor in Cornwall where I strive to lead a sustainable and environmentally aware lifestyle."



Martin Wright
Parent Governor



Jane Stephenson