



Andrew Wild – Chair

Andrew has many years experience of leadership, teaching, advising and strategy development within education. He has also successfully bid and opened new schools with his work for the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust and previously Local Authorities where he was a Senior Adviser. His current role is as an Education consultant supporting schools in difficulty.



Ian Hole

Ian is currently Head of ICT at New College Swindon, with responsibility for IT operations, support, development and e-learning. He has spent many years providing strategic and operational IT consultancy to companies within the education and charity sectors. He holds a BSc in Computer Information Systems Design along with PRINCE 2 Project Management qualifications.



Val Houldey- Vice Chair

Val Houldey has 20 years experience of senior management in secondary education. This includes 8 years as a secondary head in West Berkshire overlapping with 3 years as executive head of a nearby primary school following its being judged as needing special measures. Both schools were judged outstanding on her retirement in 2013. Other experience includes English advisor 2000 - 2002; Ofsted inspector for 8 years, and school improvement partner (both primary and secondary) from 2014 to 2017.



Mary Martin

Mary is an experienced executive with over 30 years' senior management in the IT industry, for Capgemini. She is currently the Commercial Manager for a local manufacturing Company as well as being an elected Councillor for Swindon Borough Council. She also has over 10 years' experience as a School Governor, including being Chair.



Cilla Paget

Cilla has worked in the educational sector for over 25 years, as Teacher, Faculty Head and Director of Curriculum. She has, until very recently, been a Governor at the Wellington Academy near Tidworth where she has had special responsibility for academic performance and curriculum issues.



Graham Taylor

Graham was the Principal of New College Swindon for 21 years with a further 14 years experience in Further and Higher Education, He has and an extensive knowledge of quality in education, curriculum, government policies and funding. He led the successful bid for the Great Western Academy.