

# TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL - M A T



**Brian Wills-Pope**  
Chair of Trustees

I became a governor of Torquay Boys' Grammar School back in 1986 when I was a Councillor and member of Devon County Education Committee and the Officer Commanding 200 (Torquay) Air Cadets which is located at TBGS. I was elected Chairman in 1997. I have participated in the school being Grant Maintained, Foundation, Trust and now part of a Multi-Academy. I was also a Governor at Blundell's for 24 years. I have been in business in Torquay since 1977 as well as being a Director of Interflora for 20 years, mainly responsible for Marketing, but also Charing the UK Board and the World Board. I am the Officer Commanding the Devon & Somerset Wing of the Air Training Corps which has 1000 cadets and 250 voluntary staff in 30 locations.

I was awarded an MBE for services to the community of Devon in the New Year honours list in December 2005 and appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Devon in December 2012.



**Christine Weston**  
Vice Chair of Trustees

I moved to Torquay from London in 1988 and joined the Torquay Boys' Grammar School Parents Association. I became Chair of the Association before joining the TBGS Governors in 1991- I am Vice Chair of the Governing Body and Chair of the Personnel Committee engaging in all HR issues. I also Chair the TBGS Services Trust overseeing fundraising for capital development. In 1999 I was elected as a Torbay Councillor and held the Education Portfolio as Chair of Education Committee.

I have had a lifelong interest in education and child welfare and, before retiring, was Manager of Relate South Devon, a service dedicated to community and family support.



**Leo Critchlow**  
Trustee

Torquay primary and secondary school educated, followed by two years at Art College (part of the former SDTC) and distance-learning at Hereford College for various HCIMA Part A courses.

I am Vice Chair of the Governing Body of Torquay Academy and Chair of the HR committee and CLA governor with over 30 years' experience. Since 1999 I have been employed as a Project Officer by Devon County Council representing the client, working in the Built Environment team. My work is directly associated with the commissioning, briefing and delivery of numerous major capital primary, secondary and children's centre projects as well as three new primary schools and two special schools, along with Cranbrook – the new community and its school provision in East Devon. I regularly work with school stakeholders as well as technical design and construction team members and also support schools with a range of matters relating to the school estate. Prior to this I was employed within the schools' client catering service covering the whole of Devon.

I am a Member of the Institute of Hospitality and an MSP Registered Practitioner.



**Anne Derbyshire**  
Trustee

I am very honoured and delighted to be a member of the TBGS Multi-Academy Trust. I have been a Parent Governor, Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors at Primary level and currently Chair of Curriculum at TBGS for over 15 years.

My background was Personnel and Finance for a large Retail Company. I am married and have one Son who was educated at the local Primary school and TBGS. I believe passionately that outstanding education is for every child and firmly believe this is brought about by strong leadership and a passion for education at all levels. I have done many voluntary hours at Primary level and have a firm belief that Primaries are the very foundation and the building blocks of good education. Good Schools can and should be making a difference to young people's lives.

I also believe in the importance of a solid governance framework and that an honest and open relationship within the Trust will lead to enormous educational benefits for the most valuable assets we have "Children".

I enjoy walking with my Spaniel on the Moors and the Beach, Cooking, Golf and Sailing.



**Vince Flower**  
Trustee

Born and educated in Torquay, I have been fortunate enough to maintain strong roots in the area throughout my career.

I am Managing Director of Shearings Hotels, who own and operate 50 hotels in the UK, and I am on the Board of Shearings Group Ltd. I am also the lead Director for Health & Safety and Sustainable Tourism across the Shearings Group. Shearings provides over 1 million holidays for our UK customers each year and has been trading for over 100 years, providing holidays for the 55 plus market.

In addition to my role within Shearings, I have the honour and privilege to be the current Chair of Governors at Torquay Academy, formerly known as Torquay Community College and Audley Park School. I was educated at Audley Park in the 1970s and have a very long connection with the school. I believe that the creation of the TBGS Multi-Academy Trust is a very exciting development and I am delighted to have been able to play a part in its creation and development so far. I also believe that this was a very bold and exciting development for the schools and it is one which will have a significant and positive impact on education within Torbay.

Prior to becoming a Governor at Torquay Academy, I served for over ten years on the Governing Body of South Devon College in the capacities of Vice Chair and Chair. I also serve on the Boards of the Torquay Economic Development Company and the English Riviera Tourism Company.



**Rob Lidbetter**  
Trustee

I have lived in Torquay for over 20 years, after having worked as an architect in London. I became interested in education as my sons attended Torquay Boys' Grammar School and I became Chairman of the Parents' Association and then a Governor of the school with special responsibility for Land and Buildings, where I have overseen a comprehensive building programme over the last 15 years.

I am now retired having worked for the last 10 years as an Educational Support Assistant for special needs teenagers at Torbay Pupil Referral Unit, where I became increasingly aware of the wide disparity of educational opportunities for people in our community.

The complete re-building of Torquay Academy has been a magnificent opportunity to start afresh at this school and I believe the collaboration with the grammar school will slowly but surely improve the opportunities for those students lucky enough to gain a place.



**Mike Penfold**  
Trustee

I retired in 2013 after 43 years in the legal profession. I hold a Master's degree in Law. I have been involved in education since 1990 when I became involved with my son's primary school as a member of the Parents' Association and accompanied students on a number of residential visits. I was also at this time a Cub Scout Leader for Galmpton and Churston. I then became a member of Torquay Boys' Grammar School Parents' Association and am still the Treasurer for the Association. I became a Parent Governor of the school in 1997 and have been a Governor ever since. I have a number of roles on the Governing Body which includes the Chair of Finance and Vice Chair of Personnel. I became a Trustee of the company which created the Academy and am now a Trustee of the Multi-Academy Trust with Torquay Academy.

I am also a Trustee of the TBGS Charitable Trust and hold the position of Vice Chair. I was also a Governor of Brixham College for about 3 years.



**Pete Lawrence**  
Headteacher TBGS  
MAT Accounting  
Officer

I grew up in the Midlands and came to the South West in 1985 to study Mathematics at Exeter University where I stayed to complete a PGCE in 1989. Having met my future wife, Jane, whilst at university, I sought to teach close to Exeter while she finished her degree so I started at TBGS for the first time, teaching there for five years. I left to broaden my experience and to become a Head of Department and taught in three comprehensives in Devon before Jane and I moved to teach and live in Jersey. It was from Jersey that I returned to TBGS in 2001. Since then I have been a Head of House, an Assistant Head and then Pastoral Deputy Head before taking over as Headteacher in January 2014.

I am a keen sportsman and still play 5-a-side football every Sunday evening, though I regret it every Monday morning!



**Steve Margetts**  
Principal TA

I grew up in Torquay and was educated at Torquay Boys' Grammar School before heading off to university in New York and then Nottingham. I started my teaching career in London before coming back to Torquay to lead the Business, Economics and Enterprise Department at Torquay Boys' Grammar School. After six years at TBGS, where I also became Head of Davys House, I was appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Devonport High School for Boys. In January 2014 I joined Torquay Academy as Principal.

I live in Torquay with my wife and two sons. I enjoy spending time with my family and playing water polo.



**Claire Beckett**  
Chief Finance  
Officer  
Business Manager  
TA

I moved to Torquay in November 2013 to take up the post of Principal Finance Director of TBGS Multi-Academy Trust, working at Torquay Academy. I have worked in school finance for the last 18 years, both at primary and secondary level. I worked at Denefield School in West Berkshire for 8 years, a secondary school that converted to academy status in September 2011. During this time I managed various capital projects in addition to my finance responsibilities.

During 2013 I was part of an EFA working party, updating the Academies Financial Handbook.

Prior to moving to Torquay I lived in Reading for 24 years. I have two grown up children who still live and work in the Reading area. I, however, have followed my dream to live by the sea and am very pleased to have been appointed as the Principal Finance Director of TBGS Multi-Academy Trust.

In my spare time I love to walk and the proximity of both the coast and Dartmoor makes Torquay an ideal place to live. I am looking forward to becoming an integral part of both TBGS Multi-Academy Trust and the wider community.



**Andrew Medhurst**  
Company  
Secretary MAT  
Business Manager  
TBGS

Following a 28 year career in Human Resources and Financial Administration serving in the British Army in various parts of the world I joined Torquay Boys' Grammar School in 2002 to take up the newly formed post of School Business Manager.

As School Business Manager I have responsibility for all areas outside of the teaching within the school.

When TBGS became a Limited Company on conversion to Academy status I picked up the role of Company Secretary, a role I now fill for the Multi Academy Trust.

Outside of school, my interests are in the main Rugby Union; I am still active as a club official on match days for Torquay Athletic RFC, whilst I also relax by walking my dogs with my wife and 3 grown up daughters.