

Paul Smith (Staff Governor)



I started my working life as a Management Trainee with the Savoy Hotel Group London and gained industrial experience in The Savoy Hotel, Simpsons in The Strand, The Connaught Hotel and Claridges. However, I was attracted to teaching and a change in career beckoned. In 1989 I was appointed teacher of Business Studies, Economics and ICT at St Edmunds Catholic School Portsmouth and in 2001 I joined the teaching staff at Oaklands. During my time at Oaklands I have been a Head of Year and I am at present Head of Business and Social Sciences with the overall responsibility for the following subject areas - Business, Economics, Government & Politics, Law, Sociology, Psychology and Health & Social Care. In 2010 I took the plunge and became a Staff Governor.

What do I do as a Governor?

Whilst I do not represent the teaching staff, I endeavour to give a personal and professional perspective to the key discussions and decisions taken by the Governing Body. In particular I try to support the school in delivering its distinct Mission and Vision. Apart from sitting on full Governing Body meetings I am also a fledgling member of the Finance and Maintenance sub-committee.

What is the best thing about Oaklands Catholic School?

The best thing about Oaklands is quite simply the 'people' (students, staff and governors) and what it stands for (community, unity and opportunity). It is a real privilege to be part of such a community!