

## **Judith Hoar – Foundation Governor**



I joined the Governing Body in September 2013 having been appointed by the Bishop as a Foundation Governor. Previous to this appointment I taught at Oaklands Catholic School for thirty eight years, retiring in 2010. Having completed my final year teaching practice at the school in 1972 I started as a Physical Education teacher in September 1973.

Throughout my career I held a number of posts – Head of Physical Education, Head of Lower School, Head of Sixth Form, and Assistant Headteacher – as well as teaching principally Physical Education, Sociology and Religious Education.

As Assistant Headteacher and a member of the Senior Management Team I had particular responsibility for Child Protection, Health and Safety, Educational Visits and the timetable. Roles which

have given me an insight into the complexities of managing a large organisation. Following my retirement I have continued to be involved with the school; umpiring matches, conducting practice interviews for Sixth Formers, accompanying ski and Geography Field trips and in particular acting as coordinator for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

### **What do I do?**

As well as being a member of the Local Governing Body I sit on the Teaching and Learning and Admissions sub-committees.

### **What is the best thing about Oaklands Catholic School?**

Over the years I have valued that sense of 'belonging' which is difficult to quantify and qualify. The school's distinctive nature has nurtured my own faith and has the opportunity to give every student, parent, member of staff and governors the opportunity to develop their God given talents and to make a valuable contribution to the wider community.

Working alongside committed, innovative and dedicated staff has been and continues to be an inspiration. The school encourages students to be the best that they can be and nurtures their spiritual and moral development alongside their academic and physical development, all of which are important in the development of the 'whole' person.