

Tim Finch – Staff Governor



I joined the Governing Body in 2015 soon after I took up my role on the staff of the school. I was elected to represent the support staff on the local governing body. Prior to joining the school, I served in the Royal Navy for 39.5 years. I joined as a junior assistant catering accountant 4 days after I left school and was selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1987 prior to gaining my commission as specialist catering officer. In 1999 I passed my logistics charge course and served as the logistics officer onboard the Type 42 Destroyer HMS YORK. I served in a number of ships and shore establishments at home and abroad including 2 years in Hong Kong and Naples, Italy. I served in Iraq as the Operations Officer for the Logistics and Administration headquarters during Op Telic 2004-5 and as Commanding Officer for Joint Services Support Unit responsible for the administration, logistics, welfare, housing and transport for British forces and their families in the south east Europe NATO area. I had previously served as Chair of Governors for a local Primary School and Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee on the Local Governing Body of a Service Children's School in Italy.

What do I do?

I joined Oaklands as the Director of Business and Finance in January 2015 responsible for the delivery of support services including facilities management, finance, IT support, HR and payroll, catering and administration. In 2021 I became the Chief Financial Officer for the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust when Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School joined the trust. As well as serving as the Company Secretary I advise the Business and Collaboration and Resources Committee of Oaklands and Corpus Christi respectively. I serve on Local Governing Body and Ethos and Strategy Sub Committee for Oaklands.

At Trust level I advise the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board of Trustees.

What is the best thing about Oaklands Catholic School?

The people, Oaklands is a great place to work and my colleagues in both schools really are a dedicated group of people. Whether teaching or support staff they all strive to deliver the best for our pupils and students. I feel very privileged to be part of such a great team.