



Ivingswood Academy Local Governing Body

Julia Batten

Julia joined the staff of Ivingswood Academy in September 2014. She is an Assistant Head, responsible for English throughout the school and overseeing Key Stage 1. She also teaches Year 3.

Having taught at Greenway First School (a previous incarnation of Ivingswood Academy) many years ago, Julia is already known to many parents. She is delighted to see so many of her Greenway First pupils coming back with their own children.

Julia has three sons of her own and two step sons. She is Chesham born and bred and lives locally, which is why she finds the Ivingswood community so very important.

Jackie Cox

Jackie is a counselling Psychologist with 50 plus years experience working with young people and adults to help resolve their issues. Jackie also works as a trainer on mental health issues, bereavement and safeguarding and she loves what she does.

Gillian Davies

Gillian lives in Buckinghamshire and her children, now grown up, attended Bucks maintained schools.

For many years she taught in primary schools and Pupil Referral Units in Bucks, eventually becoming a PRU head. In that role she was privileged to work with primary school staff across the county to improve outcomes for pupils needing special attention.

Gillian relishes being part of the LGB and improving the outcomes for the pupils of Ivingswood Academy.

Alisa Janmohamed

Alisa works in communications and has a qualification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

She spent her university year abroad in France, working in a primary and secondary school as a language assistant. She is passionate about giving children the best start in life and is driven to help ensure that the children of Ivingswood flourish from their education and school life.

Ashish Patel

Ashish lives in Chesham and is a doctor working in Buckinghamshire. He grew up in Chesham and counts himself lucky to have received the education he did in the area. He understands the importance of education and is passionate about providing the children of Ivingswood Academy every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Graham Pickering

Graham has lived in Chesham Bois for 13 years and is a Chartered Surveyor working locally, running a property development and consultancy company.

His stepson attended Chesham Grammar School, where his wife Laura also served as a governor.

Graham is pleased to have been appointed to the Local Governing Body of Ivingswood Academy in March 2018 and his hope and aspiration is to be able to make a positive contribution towards continuing improvements by the school for the benefit of pupils, parents and staff.

Emily Skidmore

Emily works in education. She initially studied secondary school teaching, but has developed her career in pupil assessment, managing GCSE and A-levels in science, then vocational qualifications in childcare. She currently manages national curriculum tests ('SATs') at the Department for Education. She is keen to use her knowledge of primary assessment to support ongoing improvement at Ivingswood Academy.

Emily has two children. Both attend Chesham Grammar School.

Julie-Ann Swaysland

Julie-Ann joined Ivingswood Academy as Headteacher in September 2018. Prior to this she worked in a range of schools and roles, both nationally and internationally. Her most recent role was Director of Studies at a British Curriculum School in Dubai.

Julie-Ann says: "I firmly believe that all children deserve a high quality education and that is our responsibility as teachers to ensure that this is the case. Ivingswood Academy has the potential to be an outstanding school and I am excited to be leading us towards this goal."

Sue Walton

Sue is an experienced governor of both primary and secondary schools. She is also the current Chair of Trustees for White Hill Schools Trust.

Sue has always been interested in education and schools. Early in her career she worked in educational publishing and worked closely with teachers to commission materials for use in UK schools. She then moved into educational assessment and was project director of an onscreen

national test project for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and also oversaw trialling of onscreen marking for the National Assessment Agency. Since becoming freelance in 2010, Sue has focussed on consultancy and project management specialising in educational assessment.

Sue wants to see Ivingswood Academy continue to improve so that it becomes one of the best schools in Buckinghamshire.