



ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

Richard Scorer

Parent LAB Member & Chair

LAB Safeguarding Representative



Richard moved to Swindon in 2010 and has a daughter at Abbey Park School and a son in Redoaks. He works as a Sales Manager for 3M and has been with the company for 12 years, gaining experience in coaching and sales management.

He has seen the evolution of Abbey Park over the last couple of years into a school of which the local community can be rightly proud and is looking forward to playing a part in ensuring the school continues on its current path, offering real opportunities to all pupils to achieve their very best.

Lesley Stewart

Community LAB Member & Vice Chair



Having now lived in Westlea for the past few years, I thought it was time to give something back to my local community, having worked in the education sector for the last 18 years, I thought it would be a good way to use the skills and knowledge that I have.

Most of my career has been in Primary education, currently I am now working for a charity who enable young people of different abilities to prepare themselves for the world of work, whichever path they chose to follow, sixth form, University, apprenticeships or straight in to a work placement.

As a Local Authority Board governor, I would like to help students and the school fulfil their potential!



Jon Young - Principal of the Academy

Jon Young has been Principal since The Park Academies Trust started working with the school in 2017.

Jon is proud to be leading the school through a significant time of change. In partnership with The Park Academies Trust, his vision is that the school will move from strength to strength to achieve the prime aim, which is to provide the highest standard of education so that all students can achieve their maximum potential.



Helen Boddy

Staff LAB Member

Helen has worked at the school since it first opened in 2007 and has seen it grow and change to meet the needs of the local community. Helen is currently the Examinations Officer at the School, a role she has held since 2009.

She has worked in an educational setting since 2005 having taken a career break to bring up her family. Prior to this, she was a Materials Manager for an American Broadcasting Company supplying special effects equipment to the Broadcasting industry.

Helen has 2 children, one a teacher and the other currently attending University in Brighton. She lives in the local community and hopes to see the school thrive as part of The Parks Academy Trust. She has a particular interest in Safeguarding and SEND.



Jez Khattak

Community LAB Member

J Khattak is a professional Civil Engineer with over 18 years of experience in the Engineering industry in UK and overseas. Jehanzeb loves engineering and mathematics and is keen to share his knowledge and experience with the youngsters. Jehanzeb lives in Swindon for the past 5 years with a wife and 4 kids.



Paul Freeland

Community LAB Member

'I'm a dad of three girls, two of whom are currently at Abbey Park and I'm a Parent Governor.

I'm also a clergyman at a local church, having moved to Swindon in 2019. Prior to this I worked for a banking software company in the City of London. As a family we're so pleased to have found Abbey Park School and I'm looking forward to playing my part and journeying with the school over the coming years'.



Stuart O'Brien

Community LAB Member

Stu O'Brien is a community governor from North Swindon, having moved to the area in 2002.

He is an Officer in the RAF, specialising in the Air and Space operations branch as an Air Traffic Controller.

He is married to Alex, who is a primary school teacher and they have two children: a daughter at Abbey Park and a son at a local Primary school.



Jennie Fellowes

Parent LAB Member

'I am a parent governor at Abbey Park School and have one child who attends the school.

I have 7 years' experience as a school governor at Primary and now Secondary schools in Swindon. Contributing in some way to the education of young people is something I feel passionate about and enjoy taking part in.

Professionally I have worked in Finance for 20 years in the Financial Services sector and for the last 8 years in the Renewable Energy sector where growth and change are features. I now work in Commercial Optimisation for RWE Renewables UK'.

Cordou Van Oppen

Community LAB Member



Abbey Park School is a thriving, inclusive community school where I am proud to have become a Governor in November 2021. I am a firm believer in high quality learning for all and in helping others play to their strengths and fulfil their potential. In doing this I will learn more about the school and education system in order to support the teachers and Headteacher in giving the children the best education and experience possible. I have over 15 years HR and leadership experience in organisational change and obtain my MBA from University of West England. I believe that my skills will bring a fresh perspective to the school. I regularly use information, data and experience to make decisions about complex situations. This involves working under pressure and communicating difficult issues. In my free time I like to travel exercise and spending time with my two children.