

Governor Profile

Maria Walker

Foundation Governor



I moved to Haughley with my family 5 years ago and have spent most of that time renovating a 17th-century Farmhouse. However, I have come to love living in this village and feel extremely lucky to be surrounded by individuals who are genuinely caring and supportive. My involvement in Haughley Church has grown and I have now reached a point in my life where I would like to give back and support a community that does so much for others.

I have spent over 30 years working in Education, primarily as a Secondary Teacher of English. My career has spanned a wide range of schools: from inner-city schools to a boy's national leading Grammar School in Chelmsford, Essex, an International School in Spain, an Independent Boarding School in Felsted, Essex and finally a rural state comprehensive in Eye – where I still work occasionally.

My roles in the schools I have worked in have been many-faceted and varied. Primarily, I have been Head of Department in most of the establishments I have worked in; English is my main subject area and I have taught this from Year 7 to A Level and International Baccalaureate. However, I have also taught Drama and Media Studies to GCSE and A Level Communication Studies. I have been an external assessor working for the AQA Examination Board for many years as a GCSE marker, as well as a moderator for the International Baccalaureate.

In terms of co-curricular roles, I have worked with Primary Schools in relation to transition; supported A Level students with University references and Personal Statements; run and assessed Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions as an accredited assessor, from Bronze to Gold Award; I joined the Combined Cadet Force, becoming an RAF officer running the RAF squadron at Felsted School; I was the coordinator for the Round Square organisation, representing my school in sending students all over the world for student exchanges, conferences and work experience. Furthermore, I was awarded Advanced Skills Teacher Status in 2003 which resulted in me visiting a wide range of other schools to help them develop their practice in teaching English.