

## Our Governors

### Craig D'Cunha Principal



#### Pecuniary Interests:

- Active Learning Trust – Member

### Robert Dool Chair of Governors



#### Pecuniary Interests:

- Active Learning Trust – Member
- Chantry Academy – Chair of Governors
- Hillside Primary School – Chair of Governors
- South Suffolk Learning Trust –
- Trustee
- SWISS Partnership - Consultant

This represents an opportunity to work with others to develop an environment where students achieve and progress, their families are part of the ethos and culture of the academy and our staff feel valued and appreciated. I have worked in educational development and management in Scotland and England and have taken advantage of work experiences at home and abroad, widening my knowledge and experience and helping me to appreciate the diversity that exists and needs to be addressed.

My key skills areas at senior level include:

- Strategic leadership and management
- Communications and HR
- Leading and managing large teams
- Project management and development of new learning and sixth form centres
- Initiating and managing strong education / business partnerships
- Leading diverse teams including youth, adult and community learning.

More recently, I have worked with local schools to help develop partnerships which enables students, staff and the wider community to benefit from working together.

Latterly, I was part of the small project management team which developed and established a centre of post 16 learning – a £70 million project which opened in 2010, has nearly 1800 post 16 students and was recently judged by Ofsted as outstanding.

Probably of the greatest relevance is my passion for educational development with an emphasis on partnership to help young people raise and achieve their aspirations.

<p><b>Miles Cole</b> <b>Trust Governor</b></p>  <p><b>Pecuniary Interests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantry Academy – Trust Governor</li> </ul>	<p>I am passionate about education and have spent most of my working life involved in adult &amp; community education and widening participation in Ipswich and Suffolk. I currently work at the University of Suffolk where I am managing some of the University's outreach and community based activity helping to raise the aspiration of the young people in the region. I bring extensive senior management experience of Further Education and Community Learning in Suffolk and London including head of FE at Suffolk County Council and Head of Curriculum for Community Learning. I believe in the power of education to transform people's lives and that everyone is entitled to high quality learning.</p> <p>Other roles I have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee and vice chair of Gateway Qualifications</li> <li>• Chair of the Suffolk ESOL Steering Group</li> <li>• Member of the Executive of the Suffolk Adult Learning Federation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aileen Davison</b> <b>Parent Governor</b></p>  <p><b>Pecuniary Interests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantry Academy – Parent Governor</li> </ul>	<p>I am a 42 year old mother of four aged 23, 20, 13 and 11. My older children attended Chantry, my eldest daughter is about to graduate from university and my son is doing very well in his chosen career path. More importantly this reflects on the importance of the partnership between parenting and schools working together.</p> <p>I worked as an analyst until December 2013 until I developed a disease in my eyes which has left me partially sighted and unable to do my job. This means that I have become more involved in the school. I fully understand the difficulties of juggling work, children and in general the fast pace of life that challenges families. I believe my experience in this area will be beneficial when it comes to supporting the school with their suggestions for improvements regarding parents and pupils.</p>
<p><b>Iain Dunnett</b> <b>Trust Governor</b></p>  <p><b>Pecuniary Interests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantry Academy – Trust Governor</li> </ul>	<p>I am lead for the Green Economy Partnership and the Growing Places Fund with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. In this role I support the development of the Green Economy Partnership, taking this organisation forward to a sustainable and commercial future that benefits the many businesses that operate in this dynamic new area of the economy; I also manage other business and funding development opportunities. Previously I developed a Low Carbon Development Unit at the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and managed production of the Green Economy Pathfinder and Manifesto on behalf of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, this built upon my experience of raising and managing the aspiration and partnership of Creating the Greenest County in Suffolk.</p> <p>Previous to this I enjoyed ten years of environmental, recreational and heritage management project management roles in Suffolk, before taking up the post of External</p>

	<p>Funding Manager at Suffolk County Council managing European finances and other investments.</p> <p>I hold a BSc in Environmental Studies, DMS Management Studies, is a Common Purpose Graduate, and completed an NLP Leadership Development Programme. My early career took him from working with the RSPB, the South Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, to the USA and the Audubon Society in Massachusetts, Mono Lake Programme in California and Operation Raleigh in Australia.</p> <p>In addition, I have held many voluntary positions in organisations:- Current - Fellow of Suffolk New College, Forestry Commission Advisory Committee Member for Eastern Region, Creating the Greenest County Board Member, Wild Anglia Local Nature Partnership Adviser, Green Economy Partnership Board Member. Past - Director of Foundation East, Princes Trust Board Member.</p>
<p><b>Reverend Robert Hinsley</b> <b>Trust Governor</b></p>  <p><b>Pecuniary Interests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantry Academy – Trust Governor – volunteer</li> <li>• Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich MAT – member and Director</li> <li>• Parochial Church Council of the South West Ipswich Ministry Team – Chair and Trustee</li> <li>• St Mary at Stoke Charity – Chair and Trustee</li> <li>• Bright Sparks Nursery – Committee Member / Trustee</li> <li>• CYM Ipswich – Trustee / Director</li> </ul>	<p>I am the Team Rector for the South West Ipswich Team Ministry (appointed November 2014) and I come with a background in the civil service having served for three years as a manager in the DWP before training to be a Vicar. I am about to start my third (and final) year as the Chair of Governors of Langer Primary Academy in Felixstowe where I have remained to help provide stability amongst the governors between Ofsted visits. I am also a director of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich MAT and the Board of Education which gives me a different perspective on the life and work of academies. I have also served as a member of the Bishop’s Safeguarding Panel, advising with colleagues on policy as well as risk assessment, this was certified to group 3 by Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>I am passionate about communities working together, not least to provide the best education for our young people and believe that I can bring a different strand to the life of the academy. After meeting with the Principal, I am impressed with his passion and the ethos of the ALT board and would be honoured to work with the Senior Leadership Team, whole staff and student body to achieve outstanding levels of education for what are an outstanding group of students. To continue to build the reputation of the academy within the community which I also live and work.</p>

**Claire Osborne**  
**Parent Governor**



**Pecuniary Interests:**

Chantry Academy – Trust Governor

I am a parent and full time mum to my daughter who attends Chantry Academy. I myself attended Chantry High School and have lived on Chantry for my whole life. I previously volunteered at the local primary school, with reading and as part of the PTA.

I believe that all children should be offered a good quality education and I am also passionate about the mental wellbeing of students and how our school can support this.

As a parent, I have a good understanding of the importance of a good relationship between parents and the school.

**Lisa Perkins**  
**Trust Governor**



**Pecuniary Interests:**

- Chantry Academy – Trust Governor

Education is fundamental to our society. Improving education standards to ensure that young people have the skills needed for employment is critical.

Within my role in BT, I have voluntary responsibility to support BT's ambition and strategy around 'Tech literacy', developing a culture of technical learning in the UK.

This role has given me much more exposure to the constraints and challenges that schools face in delivering for children the experience and support that they need to shape their future.

I see becoming a member of the Local Board for Chantry Academy as an ideal opportunity to marry up the Academy's needs with BT's ambitions and capabilities to provide a real difference.

My vision is to see a committee volunteering base from BT to come and support the children at Chantry Academy and make a real difference to their horizons, aspirations and ambition.

On my visit to Chantry Academy, I saw a very committed leader in Craig D'Cunha, who is looking for innovative and exciting ways to turn the performance of the school around. He is identifying the root causes of issues and hence the opportunities that would provide tangible, material positive impact. He was passionate and enthusiastic, and I would love to be a part of a team to support him in his ambition.

**Andy Baker**  
**Staff Governor**



**Pecuniary Interests:**

- Chantry Academy - Teacher

My current role at Chantry Academy is as Head of Computing having been appointed in January 2016. I completed my undergraduate degree in 2007 in Information Systems with Computing. Following this I worked for a large international charity supporting their IT systems both in the UK and abroad. In 2010 I undertook my PGCE at the Institute of Education, University of London and continued on at the University to complete my Master of Teaching. My dissertation looked at staff and student perceptions of the school behaviour for learning policy. Prior to starting at Chantry Academy I worked as an IT teacher in schools in Kent and Essex and whilst at my last school was a member of the Teaching and Learning group who looked at improving the standards of teaching across the school. Outside of school I work and volunteer with young people in a range of locations. I am a Ski rep for a holiday company during the February half term and Easter breaks and I coach my local Under 13s football team. I am passionate about constantly improving the standard of education at the school. I am determined that every child has the best opportunities to fulfil their goals. I want to facilitate the improvement of the lives of young people, maximise their successes and above all demonstrate that I have belief in the limitless potential of young people at the academy.

**Rob Crosson**  
**Staff Governor**



**Pecuniary Interests:**

- Chantry Academy – Staff Governor
- ADA Windows (relationship connection – contract for services)

In my current role as Community Use Manager at the school my aim is to ensure that Chantry Academy provides excellent opportunities for health and learning activities for the students, parents and the local community. Sport has been a passion of mine for many years and I have been fortunate to work in the leisure industry most of my working life. I have worked for Calderdale Council in Halifax as a sports facility manager before moving into the university sector, first as a facility manager at the University of Central Lancashire then as Assistant Director of Sport at the University of Essex. I have also worked at major sporting events including the Commonwealth Games held in Manchester in 2002 and the London Olympics in 2012. I enjoy participating in local sport and as a qualified football referee I officiate in the various adult and junior leagues in the area. I hope that by being a member of the Local Board I can help contribute to the success of Chantry Academy and its students.