

# Palladian Academy Trust – Board of Trustees May 2021

	<p><b>Ruth Balch, Chair of Trustees (Foundation)</b> Ruth is a National Leader of Governance who has wide ranging experience in ensuring governance effectiveness in schools. Professionally she has worked on project and system management for large scale public projects. Ruth is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Progress and Achievement Committee and is also the link trustee for St. Philips CofE Primary.</p>
	<p><b>Tim Withers, Chief Executive Officer</b> Tim has a history of school improvement in a variety of contexts. He was Principal of Ralph Allen School from 2012 to 2017 and was previously headteacher of Stroud High School. Tim sits on the Executive Leadership Team with the COO and headteachers and on the Progress and Achievement Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Sally Apps</b> Sally is currently Executive Principal in a large Bristol-based MAT. She has 17 years' experience in education and has particular expertise in inclusive practices and in working with young people who are disadvantaged. She has experience as an Ofsted inspector and currently sits on the South West Regional Schools' Commissioner's Headteacher Board. She is Chair of the Progress and Achievement Committee and her link school is Ralph Allen.</p>
	<p><b>Pat Black</b> Currently Head of Initial Teacher Education at Bath Spa University, Pat is a co-opted trustee who brings significant experience in the development and delivery of teacher training models both locally and nationally. Her teaching career included responsibility for curriculum and assessment.</p>
	<p><b>Richard Bullard (Foundation)</b> Richard is a retired headteacher with over 22 years' experience of school leadership including 11 years at Combe Down CofE Primary School. He has been a foundation trustee since 2017 and is the link trustee for Widcombe CofE Junior School.</p>
	<p><b>Emily Commander</b> Head of Strategic Governance at the University of Bath, Emily has a wide range of experience in governance with over 15 years in Parliament in addition to working with international organisations. She is the link trustee for Fitzmaurice Primary School.</p>
	<p><b>Russell Franks</b> Following a Physics degree from Oxford, Russell began his career as a scientist at the Met Office. For 20 years he was a director of a British company producing software used worldwide for industrial design and manufacture before running his own business. Russell has been a governor and Chair of the Ralph Allen SGB and is the link trustee for St. Martin's Garden Primary.</p>
	<p><b>Wera Hobhouse</b> MP for Bath, Wera has been a co-opted trustee since 2018. She was a secondary school teacher for a number of years as well as being a governor for two primary schools whilst serving as a councillor for Rochdale Council from 2004-2014.</p>
	<p><b>Chris Mason, Vice Chair of Trustees (Foundation)</b> A former Global CIO with extensive digital transformation experience, Chris also has a consulting background with PwC and IBM and is a qualified accountant. He is the link trustee for Winsley CofE Junior School and Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Antony Moore</b> Starting his career as a teacher, Antony then worked on school development for an LEA and is now an education management and technology expert. He is a governor for Widcombe Infant School, Chair of the HR Committee and the link trustee for Oldfield Park Infant School.</p>
	<p><b>Mike Robbins</b> An experienced Army Head of Finance, Mike encourages change and continuous improvement to reduce waste and streamline processes and systems. He is a qualified accountant who relishes a challenge. Mike is the link trustee for Oldfield Park Junior School.</p>