



The Blue Coat School

Trust Members

Carol Abbassi



Carol is a Solicitor and has worked in Liverpool for over 30 years specialising in Private Client work. Originally from Newcastle Upon Tyne she attended Liverpool University and Chester College of Law before taking up a training contract with a local firm and staying with them on qualification. She is a Partner in a Firm in Liverpool and is based locally. She acts for clients both nationally and internationally and has extensive knowledge of trust and charity law and administration. She is a trustee of a number of charitable trusts who mainly support young people in the Merseyside area.

Carol previously served as Chair of a local children's nursery for 5 years and then as a Governor and Vice Chair of a local private primary school for 10 years. During this time she gained an insight into education and developed an interest in improving access to an excellent education for all no matter what social background. She has undertaken training in governance and safeguarding whilst in those positions.

Carol is married to a solicitor, has two children and her son is a past pupil of The Liverpool Blue Coat School. She is a passionate supporter of Blue Coat having taken on the role of Ambassador for the 'Blue Coat For All' project and supporting the recent 'Pipe Up' campaign and singing in the Blue Coat community choir.

In her spare time Carol enjoys reading, singing and all forms of music particularly musical theatre. She loves to watch dance and ballet performances and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. She is also a Soroptimist, an international service organisation for women and children.

Stephen Chow



I am a Civil Engineer and has worked in North west region with local authorities and Highway England for over 10 years. Also, I am a graduate member of Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). I obtained my degree from Liverpool University and post graduate diploma in Manchester University.

Presently I am working in Liverpool local consultancy company and working on the behave of Liverpool City Council that with the Liverpool highway maintenance and improvement scheme.

Martin Hill



As well as being a Member, Martin also serves as the Chair of the school's Board of Trustees, having previously served as a governor for the past 9 years.

Martin served for 38 years in the Police Service, retiring in the rank of a Chief Superintendent.

Both of Martin's late parents were long standing teachers. He is committed to the ideal of public service and believes that being a Member allows the opportunity, in a voluntary capacity, to support and provide challenge to The Blue Coat School in its development and achievements.

Martin has clear insight into the operation of the school, having experienced responsibilities for Chairing a board of Trustees, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Staffing. He is committed to the provision of an excellent education for all students.

Lorna Lees



Lorna is a quality assurance coordinator for a nearby local authority and has extensive experience in the area of children's safeguarding. She has delivered a programme of statutory safeguarding audit of all schools within her local authority for the last 5 years.

Lorna is a past pupil of the Blue Coat and following sixth form she went on to study at the University of Liverpool. She then completed a MA(Econ) at the University of Manchester and a PhD at Trinity College Dublin. Her specialist research area is mental health and its impact on social well-being, a focus which is reflected throughout her career. Lorna believes that all children and young people should be supported to achieve their potential through a strong and well-balanced system of education, extra-curricular activities and person-centred pastoral support.

Sam Myers

Sam was a student at The Blue Coat School from 1993-2000.

After achieving his degree in Law and French from the University of Leicester, he went on to pursue a career in financial services.

For the last 14 years, Sam has worked as an Investment Manager for Tilney, working his way up to Director level in 2018. He manages

money on behalf of a wide range of private clients and trusts and regularly attends trustee meetings in a professional capacity.

Sam reengaged with The Blue Coat School a few years ago and has observed meetings of the Development Board in that time. He has been willing to support the school with his time in various capacities such as careers events and prize giving.