



PURPLE OAKS ACADEMY

Academy Advisory Council Members



Jacquie Leonard (Chair)

My hobbies include reading, antiques and gardening. I'm looking forward to being part of the Advisory Council at Purple Oaks Academy.

I am very excited to be one of the elected parent representatives at Purple Oaks Academy Advisory Council.

I am committed to supporting the teachers, parents and children to help Purple Oaks be the outstanding school I believe it can be.

I believe I can bring a lot of enthusiasm and positivity to my role of chair of the Academy Advisory Council.

I have worked in the Optical industry for over 32 years, the majority as a manager at a busy practice in Northampton town centre.

I have many skills such as organisation, planning, health and safety, mediation and forecasting.

I will use the knowledge I have built up to enhance my role within the Academy Advisory Council.

After all these years, I still feel passionately in the things I do and achieve.

I have been married to David for 21 years and we are blessed to have our wonderful boy, Ethan.

When I do get any spare time, I enjoy going to aerobics, I love music, watching bands (any chance to dance) and reading.



Baljit Dev (Parent Member)

I'm Bal and I'm married to Jaspal (Jas) and our son, Amar attends Purple Oaks Academy, currently in Year 2. I've lived in Northampton since June 2010, after we married. Prior to that I lived in London for just over 3 years and worked for Associated Newspapers (Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday) marketing the reader offers in paper. Before that I worked as an Office Manager for the regional arm of the group, Northcliffe Newspapers based in Derby, marketing the travel reader offers in all the titles from Aberdeen to Cornwall.

I was born and grew up in Derby to Punjabi born Sikh parents. I've been brought up enjoying the best of both British and Indian cultures.

I am an active member of the 'Little Acorns' Parent group and regularly attend the meetings. At the last meeting, parents asked for a Facebook parental support group which I created called "Purple Oaks Academy - Parents'. It's a great way for parents to keep in touch, especially if their children are transported in taxis. It's a closed group so only parents/carers of students at POA can join.

I am enjoying the challenge of seeing the workings of an academy from a different perspective, and hope to be able to make a positive contribution to the life of the academy. I am also enjoying volunteering at the new academy building, when needed.

I love going to the cinema, travelling, going to music concerts and the theatre, spending time with my family and home cooking.

Barbara Loryman (Community Member)

I feel very lucky that I spent 30 years of my professional life teaching, which I not only enjoyed, but gave me a great deal of satisfaction.

Eight years were spent in Primary schools and twenty two in secondary and upper schools. After I retired I focused on

- working with my husband in our Management Consultancy
- being a founder member and trustee to a charity "PDT for Cancer Cure" which promoted laser treatment for some types of cancer and raised funds to equip hospitals with the necessary equipment
- being an active member of the local Amnesty International group
- visiting blind people in their homes as a befriender for N.A.B.



Paul Hanson (Parent Member)

I am excited to be joining the Academy Advisory Council and look forward to supporting the Principal, staff and students as they settle into the new building. My son Joshua is in Year 2, having joined the Academy as one of the new cohort in January 2018.

My professional background is in public sector governance and I hope to be able to use my knowledge and experience to help the Academy. I have previously served as a charitable pre-school committee member and am currently secretary to the Northamptonshire Schools Forum. I graduated from the University of Leicester in 2000 with a degree in History and Archaeology and University College London in 2001 with a master's degree in Holocaust Studies.



In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, as well as cooking and reading. I am a keen photographer.



Annette Montague bio

A science teacher by trade, Annette has worked extensively with both the primary and secondary sector supporting schools raise achievement and advising on issues including education policy, curriculum and leadership development.

She is currently the Director of Assurance (Secondary) at Greenwood Academies Trust with a portfolio of school and strategic improvement responsibilities. She was formerly the Head of Education Performance at Leicester City Council, responsible for strategic and operational school and early years improvement across the city. Prior to this she has had a range of school improvement and raising achievement roles including some consultancy, Education Director at the Youth Sport Trust and National

Science Coordinator at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. She has gained the National Professional Qualification for Headship, has facilitated for (now) Ambition School Leadership and is an accredited Challenge Partner Reviewer.

Her teaching career was in Leicestershire and included Assistant Principal with responsibility for Assessment, Data and Raising Achievement. During this time she completed an MBA in Educational Management and worked with OCR as a team leader and presenter.