

## Governor Pen Pictures

### External

#### Graham Cooper

After a 31 year career with Barclays Bank, where he was Area and Regional Business Manager, Graham retired early to spend more time with his wife Tina and growing family. Having retired and not wishing to stagnate he has involved himself in community work, in addition to being a Governor at our College, he is a non-executive board member with Vectis Housing, Chairman of Newchurch FC, Chairman of the IoW Association of Cricket Officials as well helping maintain Arreton Cricket Club where Tina is Chair. He was also heavily involved in bringing First Class cricket back to the Island after a gap of 57 years when Hampshire played Nottinghamshire at Newclose in May 2019. Sport is Graham's passion, obviously cricket but any sport really but football (he is a Brighton fan) and rugby gives him a chance to shout at the TV!

#### Dr Nick England DL (Chair)

Nick studied physics at Oxford University where he was awarded an MA and a DPhil for research into low temperature magnetism. He taught at Wellington College before moving to Ryde School, where he was headmaster for 16 years. Nick also worked for the Independent Schools Inspectorate for twenty years, latterly working as a Boarding Coordinating Inspector. He has written over 20 physics text books, is involved as a physics teaching advisor, and is a fellow of the Institute of Physics. Nick has been a Governor at the College for 12 years, including 4 as Vice-Chair, before becoming the Chair in 2017. He is an Isle of Wight Deputy Lieutenant.

#### Nigel Hastings

Nigel joined the College's Governors in 2014, having just moved to the Isle of Wight and retired from Nottingham Trent University, where he was Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor of Education and formerly Dean of the School of Education. Prior to that he taught at Reading University, Bulmershe College and FE colleges. He is an experienced governor in schools, academies and colleges, was a trustee of the Greenwood Academies Trust of 32 schools, Chair of Aimhigher for Nottinghamshire and chair/member of a number of national committees concerned with education. With a background in educational psychology, his teaching and research focused on teaching strategies and their relationships to behaviour, motivation and learning. In retirement, he retains active interests in educational policy and

practice, as well as enjoying cycling, walking, sailing, learning Tai Chi, taking (free) online courses and grand parenting.

### **Kavita Hayton**

Kavita is a higher education consultant, researcher and part-time lecturer. Kavita has over 25 years' experience teaching and managing in universities including University of the West of England, University of Bedfordshire, University of Bournemouth and University of the Arts London. She was Dean of Creative Learning at Arts University Bournemouth from 2014 to 2017. She is currently co-convenor of the Royal Society of Arts IOW network and a member of the new Island Careers Partnership Steering Group. Kavita has professional and research interests in widening participation, career learning and development, women's leadership and art, media & design education.

### **Christine Palmer FCMA CGMA**

Christine is a qualified accountant and a fellow member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Christine is an experienced board level Director, having spent much of her career in the NHS. Her role incorporated a broad portfolio of services, including Financial Management, IT and Information Management, HR, Training and Development, and Governance. Christine is also an Independent Examiner for the Parish Church Council of Binstead and Havenstreet.

### **Martyn Pearl**

Martyn is currently Chief Executive of Vectis Housing Association. He has had a long career in senior posts for local authorities and housing associations, originally in London, more recently Dorset and the Island. He also spent 13 years as Director of Housing Studies at Oxford Brookes University, where in addition to lecturing and quality assurance he conducted a range of research for bodies such as the Home Office, Council of Europe, and Housing Corporation. He has a number of publications to his name. He has also been a board member of a number of organisations ranging from a night shelter to Chair of an active housing association and a school governor. In addition, he has been an external examiner at a number of higher and further education establishments. Martyn has masters degrees from LSE and Portsmouth University and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

### **Gordon J Pownall MSc Dip Couns MIHM**

Gordon is a Psychotherapist / Psychoanalyst by profession who now works in NHS Management following a career in the Air Traffic Control Branch of the Royal Air Force. After working with looked after children in London, he worked to support the closure of long stay learning disability hospitals and development of community services for people with serious mental illness and learning disabilities in and around London. Gordon also

taught Counselling in the UK and in Greece. Within the NHS as a Commissioner, Gordon has worked in a diverse range of areas including end of life and specialist palliative care and supported the development of undergraduates in professions allied to medicine. He has also worked within organ transplant services as well as within specialised mental health and learning disability services for adults, children and older people.

Gordon moved to live on the Isle of Wight with his wife and, in his leisure time, is a keen yacht racing Skipper and a RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Examiner. Gordon is also Team Manager for the Great Britain Universal Trench Clay Shooting Team.

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### Debbie Lavin

Debbie was appointed Principal, The Isle of Wight College in January 2004. She was previously at Braintree College, initially as Curriculum Manager (4 years) before becoming Assistant Principal (4 years). From 1994 to 1996 she lectured at South East Essex College teaching Business, Hospitality, Travel & Tourism. She attended Bolton University to complete teacher training in 1993, whilst teaching part-time at St. Helens College in Business and Hospitality. Prior to entering education, she was a self-employed hotelier in Llandudno, North Wales, and worked in a variety of management roles at Blackpool Tower, Welsh Mountain Zoo and Marks & Spencer. Debbie's qualifications include: LSIS Principals Qualifying Programme, Masters in Business Administration, Institute of Personnel Development IPD, Certificate in Education and BTEC National Diploma. She is married with two children, lives on the Isle of Wight and was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011.