

1. Our Trustees

David Frank – Chairman

David spent his professional career in the City. He joined the law firm Slaughter and May in 1977, became a partner in 1986 and spent more than 15 years on the firm's partnership board. In 2001 he became the Firm's first Practice Partner, responsible for implementing strategy and allocation of business. Since retiring in 2008, David has developed a portfolio of charitable interests both nationally and in Surrey and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees (the Foundation) of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School in addition to being a Governor. David is also Vice President of the Community Foundation for Surrey and a former lead governor of Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



Nishma Acharya

Nishma has a successful career history including as an executive personal assistant, office manager and logistics project manager. Nishma knows the school very well as she has also been employed as a matron of a boarding house at RAAS and on school reception, and is currently an invigilator for exams at RAAS. Nishma is both a Governor at RAAS and a trustee of the Foundation.



John Billingham

John Billingham joined Royal Alexandra and Albert School, as a pupil, in 1949, on the former Royal Albert School site at Camberley in Surrey. John left the School in 1959, to join the BBC, where he worked for twenty-nine years in programme production and management. John maintained a connection with the School via its Old Scholars Association, as well as personal friendship with his former house-parents. In 1999, John became a Governor of the School's Governing Body and has served as Co Vice Chair and more recently as Chair of the Governing Body for many years. John has been a trustee of the Foundation since 2007.



Gary Griffin

Gary Griffin has spent forty years working in education. A graduate of Exeter University (BA in Economic & Social History) and a PGCE from London Institute of Education, he entered the teaching profession in 1981 as a history teacher at City of London School. There he rose to Senior Deputy Head and then moved to Immanuel College, Bushey to be Head Master. He retired from this role in December 2021 and is now a non-executive director at the Pegasus Academy Trust in Croydon and Chair of Governors at Chelsea Academy. He joined RAAS as a trustee in May 2022.



Ononuju Irukwu

Ononuju is a financial advisor and Investment Management professional with over 3 decades of experience, providing financial and investment advice to high net worth individuals, family offices and institutions. She currently leads the Private Banking Department of FirstBank UK.

She is a fellow of the Institute of Directors (IoD), a chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments UK (CISI) and the Chairperson of Women in Finance, Nigeria UK Chapter.



Elizabeth Tadd

Liz Tadd retired in 2015 after nearly 40 years in the civil service as a statistician working in a number of departments including the Office for National Statistics, the Department for Work and Pensions and in her final 10 years the Department for Education. Liz is both a Governor at RAAS and a trustee of the Foundation.



Charlie Wates

Charlie is a chartered surveyor with many years' experience in the commercial property sector and was managing director of the company Needspace? for 15 years until early 2022.

Charlie is a director of the Wates Group, a construction, residential development and property services business. In addition to being a trustee of the Foundation, Charlie is a governor at the Emanuel school.



Jonathan White

Jon is chief marketing officer at RS Group, a global provider of product and service solutions for industrial equipment and operations. Jon has extensive experience as a manager and brand leader delivering growth, sustainable business performance and continuous improvement.



Ed Winter

Ed spent nearly 50 years working in the commercial airline industry as both a pilot and in a range of senior management roles. His experience spans from the traditional full-service airline, BOAC / British Airways, through to one of the most successful low-cost airlines easyJet. He has successfully started two airlines, conducted a management buyout, a sale and led the integration of two airlines. Ed has now retired and is both a governor and a trustee of the Foundation.



Richard Wells

Richard has been a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee since February 1987 and has been involved in a variety of Foundation Committees since. He became a Foundation Trustee in June 2002 and holds the position of Comptroller.

Richard qualified as an Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1969 and became a Fellow 1982. He worked for 17 years from 1969 for Philips Electronic and Associated Industries initially as an Estates Surveyor and in 1978 he became Property Manager (Investment) for the Pension Fund. In 1986 he moved to British Steel Pension Fund as Investment Manager Property being responsible for



the management and investment purchases for their £¾ billion Property Portfolio. During his professional career he held directorships in Pan European Property Trust, American Property Trust and Federated Property Company. He retired in 2004.

Richard is a Freeman of the City of London and a member of the Chartered Surveyors Livery Company and his interests include Travel and Architectural History, Golf, Bridge, Gardening and DIY.