



The Blue Coat School Trust Members



Carol Abbasi



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



Stephen is a Civil Engineer and has worked in North west region with local authorities and Highway England for over 10 years. He is also a graduate member of Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). He obtained his degree from Liverpool University and post graduate diploma in Manchester University.

Presently Stephen is working in a Liverpool local consultancy company, working on the behalf of Liverpool City Council that with the Liverpool highway maintenance and improvement scheme.



Matthew Whelan

Aged 34, I am an Investment Manager within the Quilter Cheviot Liverpool Office.

After leaving the Bluecoat School in 2008, I went on to read Economics and Econometrics at the University of York before beginning my career in Wealth Management.

I spent four years at a local peer, obtaining my industry qualifications, before joining Quilter Cheviot in 2017. As an investment manager, I construct and manage portfolios on behalf of private clients, trusts and charities. The role involves conducting regular investment reviews to ensure that the portfolios align with our clients' objectives and risk tolerances. My approach emphasizes personalization, ensuring that each portfolio is tailored to the unique needs and expectations of our clients, rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all model. This client-focused approach helps clients achieve their financial goals.

Residing in South Liverpool since my return from University, I am married to Amy, with whom I share a son, Jude (3). Beyond professional life, I still try to be a keen sportsman at the local cricket, tennis & golf clubs. Though since the arrival of our son, time is often dominated providing a taxi service between toddler classes, swimming lessons and much more.



Peadar McLoughlin

Peadar is currently in his second year as Headteacher of St John Plessington Catholic College, having dedicated over a decade to the College since joining in 2010.

Growing up in Northern Ireland, Peadar completed his BSc (Hons) in Computer Science at the University of Ulster (Magee). His early career included three years as an IT Network Assistant, where he developed a strong foundation in technology and its applications in industry.

In 2007, Peadar moved to Liverpool to pursue his teacher training at Liverpool Hope University. This transition marked the beginning of his journey in education, where he quickly demonstrated his commitment to fostering an engaging and inclusive learning environment.

Before becoming Headteacher, Peadar held several key leadership roles within St John Plessington Catholic College, including Head of School, Deputy Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of Learning. His progression from classroom teacher to senior leadership has provided him with a comprehensive understanding of the educational landscape, enabling him to effectively address the diverse needs of pupils and staff. Peadar is dedicated to fostering a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement.

Outside of work Peadar is the owner of a bouncy nine year old dalmatian. He enjoys travelling and spending time back home in Ireland with family.
