

College Corporation Team



Rob Evans Governor – Chair

Rob is a member of the East Coast College Board and was Chair of Governors at Great Yarmouth College from 2013 – 2017. Rob is currently Interim Chair, a member of the Quality and Standards and Governance Remuneration and Search Committees and the Governor link on the HE Quality Group.

Rob played an active and integral part in the Area Review and subsequent merger process that created East Coast College. Rob was educated at the City of Norwich School and following a first degree went on to take an MA followed by a research degree (both in Philosophy). Rob retired as Deputy Registrar and Secretary of the University of East Anglia in 2011. Rob is experienced in establishing partnership working and was very heavily involved in the establishment of University Campus Suffolk and provided advice in connection with its successful bid for taught degree awarding powers and university status as the University of Suffolk.



Stuart Rimmer
CEO / Principal

Stuart became the first Chief Executive and Principal of East Coast College in 2017, having joined Great Yarmouth College four years before as Principal and Chief Executive Officer. Stuart has overseen the College through two mergers in 2017 and 2018, whilst completing significant college strategic redevelopment, and leading the College through a period of transition and quality and financial recovery.

Stuart holds a first degree, teaching post grad, a master's degree in Enterprise Management and an MBA. Stuart sits on the New Anglia LEP Skills Board and GY Chamber of Commerce and national portfolio groups at AoC, chairing the Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Group. He contributes regularly to the Times Education Supplement on matters relating to education and leadership. Stuart also runs his own performance coaching practice, working with managers of small and medium-sized businesses to improve performance



Wendy Stanger
Director of Governance

Wendy is Director of Governance at East Coast College. She was formerly Head of Governance at Great Yarmouth College. Wendy acted as Clerk to the Shadow Board and East Coast College Designate Board and oversaw all the legal requirements for the establishment of East Coast College and the subsequent merger with Lowestoft Sixth Form. Wendy has worked for the public sector in various roles including Local Government, Health Service and HM Customs and Excise. Wendy has BA (Hon) in Politics and Law, a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management, is an Associate Member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and a Corporate member of the Institute of Housing.





Alan Debenham
Governor - Chair of the People Committee

Alan is a member of the East Coast College Board, having formerly been a member of the Lowestoft Board. He is Chair of the Learning Development and Wellbeing Committee and is a member of the Finance and General Purposes, Estates and Governance Remuneration and Search Committees. Alan has over 20 years' experience in senior HR positions in the financial services sector. In that time, he undertook a wide variety of roles including training, management development, and business partnering and organisational change. He has considerable experience of leading on the HR elements of major change programmes particularly mergers, acquisitions and disposals. Prior to making the career change to HR he spent 17 years as a legal executive working mainly on property and trust matters.

Albert Cadmore
Governor

Albert is a member of the East Coast College Board having joined on inception. He was formerly a member of the Great Yarmouth Board. He is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee and is the Governor Link for Safeguarding. Albert is an experienced educationalist with strong community links both in Norfolk and Suffolk. For twenty years, until recently, he served as an Assistant Priest in the Flegg Coastal Benefice; Hemsby St Mary, Holy Trinity with All Saints Winterton, All Saints Horsey and St Mary's West Somerton. He is Chairman and Chaplain to the Great Yarmouth & Gorleston RNLI, a Trustee of the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Foundation Trust. He is also a Foundation Board member of the Lynn Grove Academy Local Board. He is also involved in the civic life of the town as Chaplain to the Mayor. Albert has a DMS (Education), BA, and MA in Education.



Andrew Timberlake
Staff Governor

Andrew is a member of the East Coast College Board and is a member of the Quality and Standards Committees. He joined in 2018 following the merger with Lowestoft Sixth Form College.

Andrew is an educator with more than 20 years in Jamaica and the United Kingdom. Trained as an agronomist, his passion is in natural science and mathematics and prior to being an educator worked in farm production, research, adult education (Extension Service) and management. He has sat on several boards and committees in the public and private sector. His greatest achievement to date is the success of the many students who have come to love both maths and science, and have gone on to pursue careers or pursuits in related fields of study.



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David Hill

Governor Vice Chair - Chair of Finance and General Purposes

David became the first Vice Chair (s) of East Coast College in August 2017 and Chair of Finance and General Purposes. He had joined the Great Yarmouth College Board in 2014 where he was Vice Chair and Chair of Finance and General Purposes. He had previously been a Great Yarmouth Governor and Chair of Audit 1994 – 2006. David spent many years working in the health sector in particular at the James Paget Hospital firstly as Director of Finance and then Chief Executive; a £170 million organisation. Whilst at the James Paget Hospital David helped set up the new Medical School at the University of East Anglia. He returned to the James Paget Hospital as Chief Executive following a critical CQC report and achieved its turnaround within 12 months. David was also the Executive lead for successfully merging two NHS Trusts.



Debbie Pring
Staff Governor

Debbie is a member of the East Coast College Board and is a member of the Quality and Standards and Learning Development and Wellbeing Committees.

Debbie was previously a Social Worker specialising in Child Protection, Learning Disability and Parent's with Learning Disability and has previously worked with Break in fundraising and supporting vulnerable children and with the Guide and Scout Association as a Docklands Sailing and Canoeing Instructor supporting opportunities for vulnerable children and young adults from Inner London Boroughs.



Gemma Head
Governor

Gemma joined the East Coast college Board in February 2019 having previously been an Associate Governor since 2018. She is a member of the Quality and Standard's Committee and the Learning Development and Wellbeing Committee. Within her roles as Skills for Energy (SfE) Programme Manager and Company Secretary at the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR), Gemma is responsible for the delivery of key programmes including the Energy Skills Foundation Programme (ESFP), Military in the Energy Industry and supporting the Energy Engineering degree programmes at the UEA, whilst also taking responsibility for ensuring that EEEGR complies with standard financial and legal practice and maintaining high standards of corporate governance. Having spent six years in a variety of roles working for 3sun Group, Gemma has previously developed a knowledge of the energy industry as well as acquiring a wide range of skills ranging from HR and recruitment, to training management for in-house staff.





Giles Kerkham Chair of Audit

Giles joined as an Associate Governor on the Audit Committee in January 2019 and became a full governor in April 2019. He is now Chair of Audit.

Giles is a Chartered Accountant and Director at Larking Gowen LLP in Norwich, where he works almost exclusively with charities (including academies) and social enterprises.

Giles served as Director and Audit Committee Chair for Norfolk Educational Services Ltd for 6 years until 2018. He is a Board Director at Gecko Theatre Ltd and also helps run Sprowston Cricket Club.

**Jane Fermor
Staff Governor**

Jane is a member of the East Coast College Board and is a member of the Finance and General Purposes and Estates Committees.

Jane has worked in education for over thirty years, the majority of the time with West Sussex County Council. Initially as a school bursar and then after gaining promotion as a Senior Finance officer managing the school financial support team. This enabled her to gain invaluable experience in various aspects of school finance. Following a move to Lowestoft three years ago she was able to continue her links with education and gained employment as an administrative assistant at Great Yarmouth College.

Following the merger and East Coast College reorganisation she is now based at the Lowestoft campus in the same capacity.



**Mike Dowdall
Governor**

Mike joined the Corporation in February 2019 and is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Mike is currently Development Adviser to New Anglia LEP (Employee). Providing Property and site development advice on Projects NALEP are involved in or being requested to support. A major aspect of this is providing technical advice on Enterprise Zone issues overseen by NALEP across Norfolk and Suffolk. Previous to this he has been involved in economic development in varying roles.



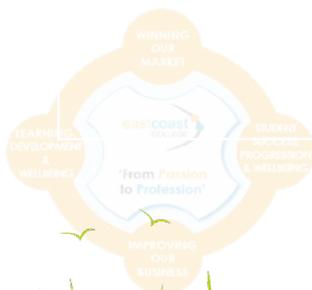
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Peter Lavender OBE

Governor – Chair of Standards and Quality Community

Peter joined the East Coast College Corporation in 2018 and became Chair of the Quality and Standards Committee in September 2018. Peter has a long involvement in further education at policy level, in quality improvement as well as research and development. He is Professor of Education at the University of Wolverhampton and Assistant Chief Assessor for the Association of Colleges Beacon Awards. Peter was formerly a full-time FE inspector; adviser/writer of the Tomlinson Report on students with disabilities in FE; a senior local authority officer (responsible for special educational needs post-16); an adult education officer in Norfolk, and a school teacher. Peter received an OBE for services to education in the Queen's birthday honours in 2006 and was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2015. He has a degree in education from Bristol and a doctorate in applied research in education from UEA.





Roger Cracknell Governor – Vice Chair and Chair of Curriculum Development

Roger joined the L6FC board in 2012 and joined the ECC Board On merger as Vice Chair. He is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee and the Governor link on the L6FC Quality Group. Roger has a B.Ed. (Lond) (First Class Hons) and Cert. Ed; M.A (Lond); Advanced Diploma Educational Management (O.U).

Roger taught in primary and secondary schools and then taught Geography and became Head of Department, at Itchen Sixth Form College, Southampton (1974-1981). Vice Principal Pendleton Sixth Form College, Salford (1982- 1988). Then Principal Designate/Principal Birkenhead Sixth Form College, Wirral (1988-2006). Roger has also served on many committees/working groups with particular reference to the sixth form college sector (SFCA/SFCF); school governor; School Improvement Partner(SIP); worked with Merseyside colleges in accessing European Funds for building development and curriculum development for adult students.

Saul Humphrey Governor

Saul is a member of the East Coast College Board having joined on inception. He is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Saul is currently Chairman of Building Growth, the construction and property development sector of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, University of East Anglia Board Member of External Advisory Board, University of Cambridge (IDBE) – Member of industry liaison board, lecturer and examiner on the Masters Degree and Committee Member of Constructing Excellence (East Anglia) and Norfolk Constructing Excellence Club, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building (FCIOB) & Panel Member for Professional Interviews for Corporate Members, Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) Member of Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS), Chartered Environmentalist (awarded by Society of Environment) and Adjudicator Qualified Adjudicator and Member of Dispute Resolution Panel of Adjudicators.



Tina Ellis MBE Governor Vice Chair

Tina became the first Vice Chair(s) of East Coast College in August 2017; having been Chair of Governors at Lowestoft College. Tina played an active and integral part in the Area Review and the resultant merger that formed East Coast College. Tina is Vice Chair, a member of the Quality and Standards Committee, Governance Remuneration and Search Committee and the Governor link for the Work Based Learning Quality Group. Tina's career has covered nearly 40 years of public service within central government in local, area and regional roles within the Department of Work and Pensions, where she successfully merged 2 districts. She has wide leadership experience of large and small functional teams including strategic planning, people, and budget and change management. Tina received the MBE in 2007 for services to the DWP and its partnerships. She lives locally and is passionate about the community's future growth alongside the development of skills and employability of its young people.

