



Joe Poole, Community Governor

My name is Joe Poole and I am incredibly proud to be a Governor at Hillside High School.

I grew up in Oldham, Greater Manchester. After finishing high school, I studied A levels in English Language, History and Maths, and then went on to study Law at The University of Reading. I progressed to The College of Law (now The University of Law) after my degree and completed my Legal Practice Course. I then spent 2 years as a Trainee Solicitor before qualifying in 2008. I moved into education after qualifying, teaching Law in a large further education college for six years. I then moved to a Sixth Form College in Manchester, where I spent three years as Assistant Principal. In 2018, I joined Hugh Baird College as Director of Sixth Form. I have been in this post since 2018, helping to transition the South Sefton Campus of Hugh Baird College to Sefton Sixth Form College. I am also an Ofsted Inspector, inspecting FE and Skills providers.

I believe that education is about opportunity and am delighted to be part of the Governing Board at Hillside High School.