

Ray Webb, Community Governor

I grew up alongside the River Thames in Putney, south-west London, close to where the annual Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race starts. Those early years proved to be as close as I would ever get to Oxbridge. In my 20s I joined the Home Office, working in Yorkshire, London and Leicestershire before moving with the department to Merseyside in 1986.

In my new job as a personnel officer one of my duties was to organise work experience placements in the department for pupils from schools across Sefton and Liverpool. It was through this role that I first became involved with Hillside High School, where I participated in mock interviews and mentoring. A few years later, after my work responsibilities took me away from personnel, I was invited to join the school's Governing Body as a Community Governor. I have continued in this role since the 1990s and was elected as Vice Chairman of Governors in 2017.