



Lindsey Collins, Staff Governor

I was born and educated in Solihull and then studied European Studies (specialising in Spanish and Italian) at the University of Hull which included a year abroad where I studied at the University of Murcia in Spain. Following my degree, I took a well earned break and spent the following year travelling around Central and South America putting my knowledge of Spanish to good use along the way. On my return, I still wasn't ready to settle back into British life and relocated to Malaga, in the south of Spain. It was in Malaga that I first got into teaching, teaching English as a foreign language in a private academy.

On my return to the United Kingdom I decided that teaching was the profession for me and went to Edge Hill University to complete my PGCE in Languages. On completion of my PGCE, in September 2004, I started teaching languages here at Hillside High School. I'm truly passionate about languages and believe that any child, no matter what their academic ability, can succeed in my subject.

I have loved every minute of the 13 years at Hillside, taking on a number of different roles. I spent 5 years as our International and Cultural Diversity Coordinator and another five years as Year 7's Progress Manager. On returning from maternity leave in January 2017 I was very excited to take on the new and very challenging role of Associate Assistant Vice Principal, leading on attendance; a challenge I'm determined to rise to! I'm passionate about education and in particular helping and supporting children in reaching their true potential, therefore to me, becoming a Governor seemed an obvious next step.