

# **Bedales Schools Board of Governors**

## **Career Summary Statements**

**CLAUDIA ARNEY MBA**

**(Retires from Board 2027)**

Claudia read English at Oxford, and then started her career at McKinsey before moving on to Pearson plc where she worked on the development of their educational publishing business. After completing her MBA at Insead, Claudia joined the Financial Times where she was part of the team that launched [FT.com](http://FT.com). She then became CEO of [TheStreet.co.uk](http://TheStreet.co.uk), an Internet start up providing news and analysis for private investors. She moved from there to Goldman Sachs where she was responsible for the development of the GS Portal, and the development of the Goldman Sachs digital strategy. Claudia left Goldman Sachs to work for HM Treasury where she was Director of the Enterprise and Growth Unit, responsible for productivity, competition and regulation. Claudia became Group Managing Director of Emap in 2008. She left Emap in 2011 to focus on non-executive roles and she has been on the Boards of; Aviva plc, The Premier League, Halfords plc, Telecity plc, Which?, Transport for London, and The Shareholder Executive.

Claudia is currently Chair of Deliveroo plc, and a non-executive director of Derwent London plc, and Kingfisher plc. She is an OB, and has three children, one of whom was educated at Bedales.

**JESSICA BOYD PhD**

**(Retires from Board 2029)**

I was at Bedales from 1992-1996. My uncle, cousin and two younger sisters were also there, and my father was briefly Chairman of the Governors when he retired from the Foreign Office. There's a strong family commitment to the place and the underlying principles and values. In the usual way, my Bedalian friends remain some of my closest friends, and I still see several of my teachers.

I was at Cambridge as an undergraduate, where I studied Philosophy, then went to Harvard for a year as a Kennedy Scholar, then completed a PhD in Philosophy at Princeton, after which I returned to the UK and took up law. I've been a practising barrister at Blackstone Chambers since 2007, specialising principally in Public Law and Human Rights, but also working in Competition, Media and Regulatory Law more generally. I live in Camden with my partner Javan (also a barrister) and three young children.

I'm interested in theatre, chamber music and regenerative agriculture, among other things. All owe much to my time at Bedales. For many years I was a trustee of Cecily's Fund, a charity supporting the education of Aids orphans in Zambia, founded in memory of my dear Bedalian friend Cecily Eastwood, who died the year after we left school.

**CLARE BRADBURY BSc (Hons) PGCE**

**(Retires from Board 2025)**

I have been Headteacher of Oakwood Prep School for 8 years; Oakwood School is a non-selective co-educational 11+ Prep School of 300 pupils, on the outskirts of Chichester. Prior to this Headship I enjoyed a very happy and varied 18 years at Westbourne House School, a 13+ prep School near Chichester; during this time, I worked as Head of Juniors, Senior Mistress, Deputy Head and ran many boarding houses. I am passionate about prep school education and believe wholeheartedly that these years are integral in forming the adult version of our younger selves.

As the daughter of a services family, I was educated at Bromsgrove School, as a full-time boarder along with my twin brother, the University of Lancaster where I completed my BSc in Psychology

and then Westminster College, Oxford where I completed my PGCE in Primary Education. More recently I have been completing my Leadership & Management Level 7 in Executive Coaching and hope to now coach new and experienced Headteachers in the future.

I live at Oakwood with my husband John and our two boys, who are now both heading off to university and travelling the world, along with our 2 energetic Goldendoodles. I adore living on the south coast and enjoy walks in The Downs and on the many beautiful local beaches. I spend my holidays in France as we continue to renovate our much-loved French home too.

### **FELIX GREY PhD**

**(Retires from Board 2025)**

Felix joined Dunnanie aged 4, and went all the way through Dunhurst and Bedales (1992-2006). He then studied chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of Oxford, researching enzymes for fuel cells in his masters year. After graduating he worked for 2OC, a green energy start-up, turning waste bio-liquids into electricity. This experience lead him into economics, which he studied at the University of Cambridge, gaining a Diploma, MPhil, and a PhD. He also held the William Cook Fellowship in economics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he was director of studies. He taught undergraduate microeconomics and lectured on the economics of climate change. His research focused on environmental and political economics, including: the role of lobbying in environmental protection, the importance of companies in blocking or supporting regulation, and the way cities and governments can learn from each other when protecting the environment. He is now an economic adviser in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, working on the UK's Emissions Trading Scheme, a core policy instrument designed to bring our carbon emissions down to net zero.

### **TOM HALL MA**

**(Retires from Board 2033)**

Tom was at Bedales for the sixth form in the mid-1980s. From there he went to Trinity College, Cambridge where he read English. After Cambridge, he joined S.G. Warburg in the city, working as a research analyst. In 1998 he joined the private equity firm Apax Partners where he worked for 26 years, retiring from the firm at the end of 2024. Whilst there, he was responsible for the acquisition and development of several of the firm's portfolio companies, particularly a succession of investments in digital marketplaces such as AutoTrader. Today he is a non-executive director at Baltic Classifieds Group and NEXT plc.

Away from work, his interests include literature, art and architecture and he lives in Gloucestershire - in a house designed by Edward Gimson.

### **EDWARD IMPEY DPhil**

**(Retires from Board 2030)**

Edward was at the Dragon School in Oxford and at Bedales from 1975 until 1980. There he enjoyed the school's better buildings, art, practical things, the countryside, gifted teachers, and the company of Bedalians. His family's connections with the school include his mother who was at Dunhurst in the late 1940s. After Bedales, Edward went to Oxford, completed a doctorate, and was a Research Fellow at Oriel College. He later worked as the Curator of the Historic Royal Palaces, and in 2000 joined the Executive Board of English Heritage (as was), with nation-wide responsibilities amongst other things for research, building conservation, the Inspectorate and the presentation of historic properties to the public. From 2013 until his retirement in 2022, pursuing a childhood interest, Edward was Master and Director General of the Royal Armouries, based at the Tower of London,

Leeds and Portsmouth. Edward has written numerous books and articles, mostly on architecture, history, landscape and archaeology, and is writing more. He lives in West Yorkshire with his wife Karen, a digital marketer and art historian, and their two school-age daughters. He is involved in a number of charitable organisations, both locally and nationally.

#### **OWEN JONATHAN LLB**

**(Retires from Board 2025)**

Owen was brought up in Wales and educated at Malvern College and then the University of Bristol where he studied law. He qualified as a solicitor in 1974. He was a partner of City solicitors, Norton Rose, from 1983 to 1994. He then became general counsel to the Kuok Group, based in Hong Kong, one of Asia's largest family owned conglomerates and also served as deputy and then chief executive of publicly listed South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's leading English language newspaper. In 2000 he returned to England and joined PwC as its' general counsel and executive board member until he retired in 2012.

Owen subsequently served as the senior adviser to Norton Rose Fulbright until 2020 and was a director of the investment trust, Invesco Asia Trust plc. He was a founding director and trustee of The Grange Festival, the Hampshire opera company. Owen lives locally with his wife, Jane. Two of his three children went to Bedales. Owen's interests include opera, painting and trekking.

#### **STEPHEN LEHEC BA Hons**

**(Retires from Board 2030)**

After growing up and attending schools in London, Stephen attained a joint BA (Hons) degree in History and English from Southampton University before going on to take a PGCE in History at St Anne's College, Oxford. He had taught History, English, Politics and Classics along with coaching football, cricket and rugby at Maidstone Grammar School followed by Aylesbury Grammar School where he was Head Master from 2008 – 2014. He was appointed as Head Master of Kingston Grammar School in south west London in 2014.

Away from work and sporting endeavours, Stephen is a member of various organisations including the National Theatre, is a Fellow of the RSA and is a Liveryman, offering charitable support to a range of organisations. As an alternative form of charitable support, he is also a long-suffering fan of Crystal Palace FC. Stephen is currently studying a business, finance and economic course with Harvard Business School, is learning to play the piano, and is training to be a fully qualified cricket umpire in order that others will trust his LBW decisions.

#### **RICHARD LEWIS MBA, MA**

**(Retires from Board 2032)**

Richard is an Old Bedalian and read History at Cambridge University where he was also an organ scholar. He has an MBA from Cranfield University. Richard has lived and worked in France, the US and the United Arab Emirates and has worked in senior management positions at DMGT Plc. He joined Auction Technology Group Plc (ATG) in 2000 where he has been Chief Operating Officer since 2012 and was involved in the launch of ATG's auction marketplaces, including the-saleroom.com and was integral in driving ATG's expansion through product launch, market share growth and acquisition. He was a key member of the management team that launched ATG on the London Stock Exchange in Feb 2021.

## **ISABELLA MYERS MSc, MRSB**

**(Retires from Board 2031)**

Isabella (Issie) was educated at Dunannie, Dunhurst and Cheltenham Ladies' College, gained her BSc in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, at Newcastle University, and her Diploma and MSc in Environmental Technology from Imperial College, London.

Issie has worked as a university research scientist, in press and PR at WWF-UK and a healthcare communications company, and at the Department of Health's Toxicology Unit at Imperial College where she developed health-based policies for government departments on air and noise pollution, climate change and extreme events. She also provided scientific Secretariat support for Government Expert Medical Committees. Since 2015, Issie has worked as a consultant on health and environmental pollutants. She chairs the Healthcare sub-group of the All Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group, and is an Advisory Board member of its Stakeholder Group.

Issie was raised in Steep and the surrounding area where she developed her love of horse riding and interests in the environment. In the 1980's Issie's father composed the music for two Bedales musicals 'Bypass the Parcel' and 'Lear' and her siblings attended Dunannie and Steep School. She lives locally with her husband and son (the latter also attended Dunannie), and a menagerie of animals (that included two Jacobs from the Bedales flock).

## **STEPHEN NOKES**

**(Retires from Board 2026)**

Educated in Hampshire, Wales and Oxford University Stephen was formerly Head of John Hampden Grammar School. A founder member of the Grammar School Heads Association, from which he stepped down as Chairman in July 2016, he still advises GSHA and in this capacity he had frequent involvement with ministers and civil servants in the DFE. He is an expert consultant and has extensive experience working in headship appointments.

Stephen has extensive experience of both independent and state sector schools. He has been a Governor at three independent schools and is currently a Governor at two outstanding state schools.

Interested in digital learning and computer science he is a Trustee of the Causeway Foundation, which initiated and supports a program of computer masterclasses for young people across the UK led by the Royal Institution.

## **EDWARD REES BA (ED) Hons**

**(Retires from Board 2028)**

Edward was born in Portsmouth and spent most of his childhood living locally in Rowland's Castle. Educated at Charterhouse and Durham University, Edward graduated with a BA(ED) Hons degree in Education, before starting his first teaching post at Dulwich College in London where he spent 16 years. During that time he worked as a resident boarding house tutor and taught mainly in the Junior School where he was Head of PE and Games and, subsequently, Deputy Head for 11 years. Edward helped develop the Dulwich franchise in China, spent three years on the Governing Board at Finton House and is a qualified ISI inspector. Edward is now in his eleventh year as Headmaster of Hornsby House School in Balham; a non-selective co-ed independent prep school of 440 children. At the last count five Hornsby alumni are resident at Dunhurst/Bedales. Married with two teenagers and a much-loved labradoodle, Edward is a long-suffering Portsmouth FC fan and keen sportsman having represented the full ISFA Under 19 team and Durham University at football and the MCC at cricket.

Having completed his undergraduate study at the University of Exeter and Secondary PGCE at the University of Oxford, Jason started his teaching career at Shrewsbury School in Shropshire where he spent two very happy years involved in all areas of school life including boarding and outdoor activities. He then moved to King's College School, Wimbledon, where over the course of a decade, he progressed from classroom teacher, to Head of House, Head of Safeguarding and Mental Health and finally as Assistant Head (pupil welfare) and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Since January 2022, Jason has been Deputy Head (Pastoral) and DSL at Claremont Fan Court School, which is a large independent co-educational day school from 2 ½ to 8 in Esher, Surrey. Jason also sits on the Prep Schools Committee of the Radley Schools Group and is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.