

Get to Know Your Governor

PROFILE

Name: Mark Parsons

Role: **Member/Governor**

Particular areas of responsibility:

Safeguarding, CiC, Bullying & Educational Visits

Chair of Finance & Premises Committee

Personnel Committee

Departmental Attachment – Creative Arts (Art, Drama, Dance & Music)

IT (curriculum & infrastructure)



Background Experience:

Mark moved to Cornwall at the age of 7 with his family and loved it! He lived and was educated in Penryn, before taking an apprenticeship with BT (then Post Office Telecommunications) at Goonhilly Earth Station on The Lizard where he has worked in a variety of technical roles ever since.

Key Areas of Business Expertise, Experience and qualifications:

Communications & IT.

Other information:

Mark, an ex-pupil himself, joined the newly formed Penryn College Parents Forum in 2002 as their Treasurer. He enjoyed working with other parents and the fantastically open and enthusiastic leadership team over several years before being tempted to apply for a position as parent governor. A steep but very rewarding learning curve has led to him becoming increasingly involved in college life and remaining a governor some 10 years after his youngest child left the college.

Mark says:

“I feel privileged to be able to contribute to the work of the college, and am very proud to be a small part of an organisation which, I believe, has become increasingly valued and well regarded within the local community.”

“One particularly rewarding aspect of my work with the college has been the opportunity to exercise my passion for photography by recording many of the fantastic music, drama, dance and sporting activities that take place each year and seeing some of the results displayed around the college.”

Key Area of Interest as a Governor:

While helping ensure sound financial administration in the college is interesting and at times challenging, I see my work as part of the safeguarding team, that ensures the safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff, as the most vital and rewarding part of my involvement with the college.