Stephanie Handford	Co-opted Governor

As a former student of Deyes High School (1999–2003), I am proud to give back to the school community that helped shape my early development. I bring over 15 years of experience in the higher education sector, complemented by an earlier three-year role supporting children with special educational needs (SEN) in primary education.

I hold a degree in Social Work and Social Psychology from the University of Lancaster, awarded in 2007. My academic background and career path reflect a deep and ongoing commitment to education, student welfare, and inclusive practice.

Currently, I serve as Operations Manager for student accommodation at the University of Liverpool. In this role, I lead on pastoral care, student experience, health and safety, and the operational management of staff and services. I specialise in people management and student support, with a proven track record of creating inclusive, supportive, and well-run environments for students and staff alike.

I aim to contribute this breadth of experience to the governing body, supporting the strategic development of the school and the success and wellbeing of its students.