



Clare Mount Specialist Sports College



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**Mrs Breda
Dutton**

**Chair of
Governors**



My name is Breda Dutton and I am the Chair of the Governing Body. I sit on the Strategy, Headteacher's Performance, Finance, Staff Dismissal and Pupil Discipline Committees. I am currently Chair of the Board of Beechwood and Ballytyne Community Housing Trust and I am also a board member of the Symphony Housing Group. Through my experience and professional skills in leadership, change management, budget planning and management, I am able to provide good governance at Clare Mount, ensuring that it is in a good place both functionally and financially to meet the challenges of the future. I am honoured to be the Chair of the Governing Body at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College and extremely proud of its successes. I am passionate about all our pupils and work tirelessly to ensure they have positive learning experiences in a safe, supported and caring environment.

**Miss Gaby
Crolla**

**Chair Designate
(Co-opted
Governor)**



Hi, my name is Gabby Crolla and I have been a governor at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College for several years. I have a great passion for both learning and sports and am excited to be able to use these to help drive the school forward. My current job role is Manager of School Education Services for Edsential (a community interest company). I am fluent in both French and Italian and I was lucky enough to be selected to work as principal press officer at the London 2012 Olympic Games. This involved acting as the interpreter for the French and Italian volleyball teams. Volleyball is a sport close to my heart as I have captained the British Universities team and represented Scotland at both County and U-16 levels.

**Mrs Christine
Robertson**

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My name is Christine Robertson. I have been a local authority appointed governor at Clare Mount for many years. Qualified as a chartered librarian and as a former school librarian, I am particularly interested in the part a successful school library can play in `whole school life`, promoting and encouraging information literacy in its widest sense. I have also spent time helping in the Geography department over a number of years and I consider this involvement with daily school life an important part of being an effective governor.

**Mrs Kim
Webster**

Head Teacher



I was appointed as a Teacher of Physical Education in Clare Mount Specialist Sports College in September 1995. I became so passionate about this school and our students, I have been here ever since. During the last 21 years I have taken on a variety of roles and responsibilities including Teacher, Form Tutor, Head of Department, Head of Year, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and in June 2014, I was appointed as Headteacher. I have always kept up to date with the ongoing changes both in my subject and in leadership and more recently gained my Masters in Education specialising in Autism. I have been part of the governing body for the last 5 years and have seen many changes in the development of the school. It's a real privilege to be entrusted with the job of leading this outstanding school and it is a task I am very excited about. We have always had a very supportive and passionate governing body who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our pupils get the best 'deal' out of their education and can aspire to achievements beyond all our expectations.

The greatest part of my time at Clare Mount has been the wonderful students who pass through our doors – they never cease to amaze and inspire me.

**Miss Julie
Maclean**

**Staff
Governor**



I have worked at Clare Mount for over twenty years. My association with the school goes way back to the time when Clare Mount was on Clare Mount Road in Wallasey and my father was a teacher there himself.

I have watched a great school go from strength to strength, with an enduring ethos of mutual respect, understanding and love of learning. I am particularly passionate about the Arts and hope to see this area grow and blossom in the future.

It is a privilege to be part of the governing body.

**Mrs Anne
Smith**

**Co-opted
Governor**



My name is Anne Smith and I became an Co-opted Governor in 2015. I recently retired after a long & happy career at Clare Mount, and was honoured to be invited to continue my association with the school in my current role. In addition, I have also maintained an educational role within the school, as a regular supply teacher when required. It is an honour to have the opportunity to continue to support the school in my capacity as Governor and my aim is to make a real contribution to the outstanding work that is already being done here.

**Mrs Sally
McCannon**

**Co-opted
Governor**



Hello my name is Sally McCannon and for over 20 years now I have worked in Secondary Special Education here on the Wirral. My role at Clare Mount is that of Learning Mentor for Key Stage 3 students. During my time at Clare Mount I have watched the school go from strength to strength. I live with my husband and daughter on the Wirral. In my spare time I enjoy running and combine this hobby with raising funds for local charities. I like spending time with family and taking our dog Molly on long country walks. I am passionate about making Clare Mount the very best it can be and excited to be part of the Governor team.

**Mr Keith
Robinson**

**Co-opted
Governor**



My wife is one of the two Learning Mentors and she has worked at the school for the last 14 years.

In that time I came to realise what a wonderful school it is.

It has a wonderful warm feeling when one walks into the school.

I am currently an Employment Tribunal Judge and I hope I can bring some expertise to the school after working for over 40 years in the law, expertise which the school can use as and when my views and advice are required.

Mrs Trudi Brooks

Co-opted Governor

Hi, my name is Trudi Brooks and I consider it an honour and privilege to become one of Clare Mount's School Governors. I have lived on the Wirral for most of my life, having worked in HR, training and recruitment, as well as a Teaching Assistant in a local Primary School. However, my biggest passion is my charity work, particularly involving children. As an Ambassador for Cash for Kids I was able to assist in securing a new mini bus in collaboration with the Steve Morgan Foundation for Clare Mount and hope to continue this fundraising work on behalf of Clare Mount School. I am really looking forward to working with the other fabulous governors at Clare Mount both helping and supporting wherever I can such an amazing and thriving school and it's community.

**Mrs Pam
Hodgson**

**Co-opted
Governor**



My name is Pam Hodgson and I am a qualified primary school teacher with over thirty years experience. My teaching career took me to Birkenhead, Gibraltar, the Sultanate of Oman and finally back to Birkenhead again. I was fortunate enough to work at Clare Mount for three years as a teaching assistant, it was a wonderful place to end my working career. Since retiring I now volunteer at the school once a week and I try to visit the coffee shop as often as possible. My hobbies include travelling, Pilates and swimming.

Dr Caroline Innes

Parent Governor



I am honoured and excited to be appointed and am looking forward to being part of the outstanding team of governors at Claremont. I have been a Parent Governor since 2011 at my daughter's two previous schools but this is my first experience of high school governance. I care about the special educational needs of our children and want them to achieve their potential within a healthy, caring and safe environment and I am committed to supporting Clare Mount in any way I can to achieve this.

I was born on the Wirral but moved away to pursue further education and work. I have lived in many places including Switzerland, France, Australia, Edinburgh and Bristol but home is the Wirral. I am married to a Professor of veterinary surgery and have three gorgeous children. I am a Dentist, a qualified Occupational Therapist and also have a degree in Health Studies. I have been a Dentist on the Wirral since 2002 and now work part-time 3 days per week. I don't share my husband's love of the beautiful game but I do try hard to keep fit and active with a variety of sports and activities fitted around and with my very busy children. I am currently looking out for a dog to share walks with.

**Mrs James
Brown**

**Parent
Governor**



My name is James Brown and my son attends the school and is currently in year 10. As a parent I wanted to give something back to the school to aid the great support that Clare Mount offer to both pupils and parents alike. I took up the role of parent governor in 2019 and was very proud to join a fantastic team of governors to enable all who attend the school achieve their potential with the support and guidance they need. I work within the nuclear sector as a Quality Manager and have experience with Governance, Leadership and Assurance working to regulations, specifications and related standards and these skills have been invaluable so far. I am also a Chartered Quality Professional under the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) and also hold a role on the Nuclear Quality board for the UK. I am a keen STEM ambassador which can also be utilised to aid the school and link with engineering in future and to support and guide the next Engineers from our great school in to work and related roles. Myself and my son both enjoy the beautiful game and are avid Liverpool supporters enjoying nothing more than our weekly dad and lad visits to Anfield.