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of  
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GOVERNOR PROFILES



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# MRS SANDY MAYALL



I have been a governor for over fifteen years, firstly at Gellifor and then continuing with the Federation. I have three sons whom all attended Gellifor, and my youngest is in year ten at Brynhyfryd, so as a parent governor I had a vested interest. I am now an LEA governor and I am passionate about giving all children the best opportunities that we can, and whilst technology has its place, its people that make a difference and I want to be part of that team to help create a happy safe and excited learning environment that gets the best out of all pupils. I am an Airline Pilot and believe I have a great capacity to see the big picture, with logic and reasoning. I am approachable and friendly and very much a team player. As an LEA governor we are not always visible but are busy beavering away in the background. In the hectic lives we lead sometimes a quick email or call might put your mind at rest so please feel free to contact us.

“I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious” Albert Einstein,  
1952

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## MRS TINA HEWETT



I am a parent governor for Ysgol Gellifor and currently Vice Chair to Sandy Mayall.

I am a registered Osteopath and co-owner of several businesses mainly in the health industry with my husband Bruce.

We have two children Katy (8) and James (5) in Ysgol Gellifor.

I enjoy the role of a governor and hope that my business, employment, team and management skills give a valuable contribution to both schools.

I believe that as parents we need to feel that we have good communication with the schools and that our ideas can be considered and shared whatever they may be.

I became a Governor because I believe that all the children should have the opportunity to achieve their potential and learn how to *enjoy* learning.

Our lives are hectic, yet we all enjoy living in cohesive communities. We all make up part of these communities and the only way to get the best out of it is to make a positive contribution to start with. Our schools and our children attending them are literally our immediate and surrounding future. It's worth the time to help look after them.

Being a governor I hope I can support both the school and our communities.

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# DR ELIZABETH KNEALE



My name is Liz Kneale. I have two daughters. My eldest, Catrin, has recently started in the reception class. My youngest, Megan, is 20 months old.

I work as a Consultant Radiologist at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Hospital and my job involves management and teaching as well as clinical work. We are relatively new to the area, having moved to Llangynhafal in 2013. Being involved in the local community is important to me and last year I took up the role as the Treasurer for Cylch Meithrin Gellifor. This has been enjoyable, rewarding and challenging in equal measure.

I am approachable and enthusiastic. I enjoy working within a team, and have the ability to make balanced, sensible decisions whilst listening to the views of others. I feel the role of a parent governor offers a unique and exciting opportunity to be involved in the future of Ysgol Gellifor and Ysgol Bryn Clwyd.



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## MR RICHARD MONTEIRO



My name is Richard Monteiro and I am the Acting Head Teacher for the Federation of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor. I was born and grew up in Northampton and completed my degree in Clinical Psychology at Bangor University. I then went on to complete a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, working in Conwy for a number of years before starting work in Ysgol Gellifor in 2009. I worked first as the class teacher for years 3 and 4 then years 5 and 6. After completing middle and senior leadership training through Denbighshire County Council I assumed the Acting Assistant Head post in 2013. I enjoy the fact that no day is the same in my job and that there are so many people within the schools communities who, like me, want to see the very best for the pupils in our care. I strive to make myself available to parents, staff and pupils and very much advocate an open door policy.

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## MRS VICKY LYON



Hello, my name is Vicky Lyon and I am the Teacher Governor for Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. I have worked at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd since 2008 and became Assistant Head in 2011. As a member of the teaching staff, I have really enjoyed the benefits of working closely with Ysgol Gellifor, building one team. My role on the Governing Body allows me to further support and contribute to developing a prosperous future for the Federation. I am a firm believer in the benefits of primary education in a rural school and the parents' right to choose a setting most suited to their child. I am committed to ensuring both schools are high achieving, stimulating and creative environments within which children thrive during their formative years.

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## MRS AMANDA BROOKES JONES

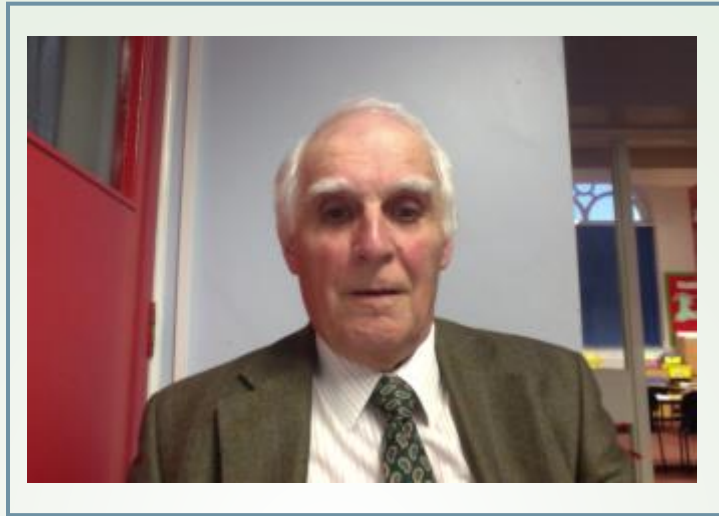


I started my teaching career 10 years ago after completing a BEd Hons degree at the University of Wales, Bangor. I was class teacher in a primary school in Denbigh, before coming to Ysgol Gellifor in 2010 to find that it is a great place to be. I have been teaching Years 3 & 4 at Ysgol Gellifor for the past 5 years but was first welcomed to the team in 2006 during my Teacher Training. I am currently acting as the assistant head teacher for Ysgol Gellifor.

I have recently been appointed as the Staff Governor on behalf of both Ysgol Gellifor and Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. My role as Governor is to help support and build on both schools. I want every child to achieve their full potential in a high quality and continuously improving environment, and for the school to play its full part in the wider local community. I believe with staff, parent and community support, Ysgol Gellifor and Bryn Clwyd will become 'outstanding' schools that staff, children and parents are proud of, and where pupils eagerly learn, develop and leave with fun memories!

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## MR GWILYM C EVANS



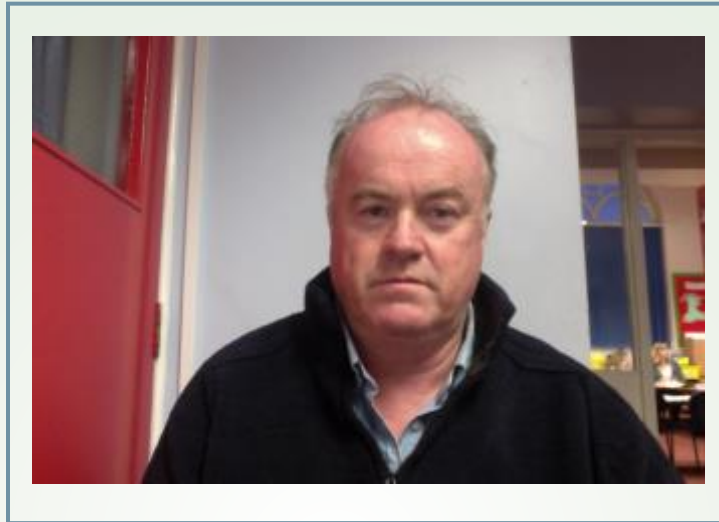
I have always lived in Llandyrnog and attended the Village school, from there going to Secondary School at Denbigh. I then attended colleges at Colwyn Bay and Wrexham where I gained qualifications as an Electrician. Having worked for local companies, I then formed and ran my own Electrical Contracting Business for over 45 years. I served on Denbighshire County Council for eight years until the last election when I decided to vacate the post. During that time, I chaired the Resources Scrutiny Committee and was a member of the Education Scrutiny Committee and also of the School's Standards Monitoring Group. I have an extensive knowledge of both Llandyrnog and Gellifor communities.

My aim as a Governor is to see Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor working together and with other schools in the Vale. By doing this, we would be able to raise standards in the interest of educating children from all backgrounds.



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## MR MERFYN PARRY



I'm 56 years old and I am an Agronomist, my work involves advising farmers and growers on growing crops from seed to plate giving advice on variety choice, growing inputs, conventionally and organic. I have done this for 35yrs following qualifying in the Royal Agricultural University Cirencester.

I'm also the MD of Biofert Wales, Biofert Wales works closely with three Anerobic Digesters in North Wales that produce electricity from waste. I have been a County Councilor since I was elected in May 2012 and I serve the Llandyrnog Ward. I am on Denbighshire's Planning committee, I am the Denbigh Town Champion and have been a member of Partnership and Performance scrutiny. I am also a DCC representative on the AONB LAG.

I live in Llandyrnog with my partner Hilary and we have four children and six grandchildren.

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## MR PAUL EVANS



After leaving Gellifor school in the late seventies. I was then educated in Brynhyfryd school in Ruthin. I lived across the road from school or near it most of my childhood, if I wasn't in school I was playing in the schoolyard.

My family started the family business, Townsend Supplies in the mid 80's. We sell goods for the building trade we are an agricultural supplier for farmers.

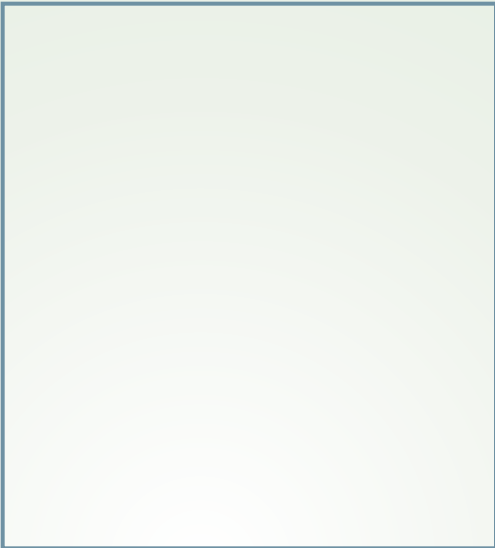
I live in Fforddlas in Llandyrnog, on the edge of Llangynhafal and have been there for 20 years. I have a wife, Jane three children Eddie who is 17, Megan 15 and Keri who is 11. All my children have been through the education system at Gellifor school and then on to Brynhyfryd. They were taught in the bilingual stream, which is very important to me being a Welsh speaker.

My hobbies include skiing, fishing, shooting/beating and kayaking. I am also in the process of doing up an old property just outside the village of Aberdaron, Gwynedd.

I have been a Community Councilor for Llangynhafal for a number of years and I am the Chair Person for the Llangynhafal village hall.

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# MR ALED THOMAS



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## MR JASON HILEY



I am a proud dad to Ethan and Elise (years 5 & 3 respectively). In 2014 we decided to enrich our children's lives by returning from Manchester to their Mum's roots of Ruthin and let our family grow up in a closer knit community and be near to our extended family. We chose where we wanted to live based on our school of choice and the beautiful scenery and community of Gellifor.

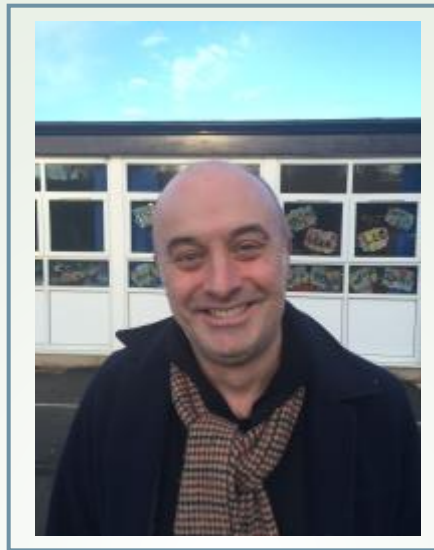
I believe that high standards, especially in numeracy and literacy, are the backbone of success in learning and in life and children need to be excited and engaged by excellent teaching to achieve their potential. Excellence and enjoyment should go hand in hand, as when children are engaged in the classroom and have structure, they can grow to love learning whatever their individual pace.

I am a Chartered Accountant with 25 years' experience, 15 years of which have been at Partner level in a large national practice. I am hard-working, reliable, approachable, enthusiastic and not prepared to "just let things happen". I am delighted to have been given the trust of parents as a governor and look forward to contributing to the strategic development of the school and the educational excellence we all want to achieve for our children.



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## MR DAVID LAWTON



My name is David Robert Lawton, I was born on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1968. I live in the village of Llandyrnog in Denbighshire. I'm married to Jackie and we have a son George who is 7 years old and a pupil at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. I work at Ruthin School taking care of boarding pupils through the night, with a priority towards pastoral care and an understanding of Health and Safety and safeguarding requirements. Previously, I worked at Llandrillo Coleg Dinbych as an LSA (learning support assistant). Helping young adults with additional needs. I had a brief period in 'placement' at Ysgol Gellifor. My wife Jackie is a lecturer at Llandrillo Coleg Dinbych teaching early years child development. Jackie's job is the reason we moved to Wales four and a half years ago. Prior to moving here we lived in Manchester, where I spent 12 years as Manager and License of a City Centre Nightclub called 'The Brickhouse.' I have also worked professionally as a singer / actor for ITV and supported Spandau Ballet on tour. I run a cricket club for any kids interested in the area during the spring and summer months.

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# MR NICK HAILES



Hi my name is Nick Hailes, my daughter Myfanwy attends Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. I am a parent governor of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd. I have lived in the village of Llandyrnog for 3 years before this I lived in Denbigh. I became a governor because I wanted to have an input into the education of my daughter. I feel that as a committee we have achieved this in both schools. I as a parent feel that it was a great decision in sending my daughter to Ysgol Bryn Clwyd as she has come on a great deal in her time here. I as a person am very approachable, through out my working life as a manager, firefighter and now working in mental health. Please if there if anything you feel that needs bringing to our attention do not hesitate to stop me and I will try and help.

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# MR OWEN CONRY



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My name is Owen Conry and I'm a Parent Governor at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd where my children Ted and Ollie are pupils. Having decided to return to North Wales in 2013, my wife Vicky and I chose Llandyrnog both to be close to family and friends but also because of the excellent school located in the heart of the village.

I'm a Civil Engineer by profession and currently work as a Project Manager on various construction schemes with experience in the private sector, public sector and consultancy.

Whilst not ferrying the kids about, I'm a keen runner being a member of Denbigh Harriers and you may see me out on the Clwydians early on a Sunday morning. Having benefitted from a 'good' education, I'd like to bring whatever experience I have to help the Federation achieve its goals whilst providing the children with the best possible start in life.

Please feel free to contact me on any issues relating to the schools.

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# MISS TINA LEUTY



My name is Tina Leuty. I am a Level 3 TA and I have worked at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd for 10 years, with previous experience at Ysgol Frongoch for 9 years.

I am passionate about the educational standards of the children. I feel that a good education is something no-one can take away from you.

I decided to join the Governing Body as I believe a school can make a huge influence on not only a child's life, but a parent's and the local community.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute and participate in this partnership to take our schools forward to a higher standard and meet life's challenges.



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# DR BETHAN ATKINSON



My name is Bethan Atkinson and I act as an LEA governor. Apart from a 7 year period during which I attended University and trained as a Chartered Accountant, I have lived my whole life in the Commins. I attended Gellifor School when there were only two class- the little class and the big class, two teachers (one of whom was the headmaster), and everyone who attended lived close enough to the school to be able to walk home!!

After A levels at Brynhyfryd I read Modern European History at The University of East Anglia, Norwich and then trained as a Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand, working in their Norwich and London offices. I returned to Gellifor in 1991 and worked as an accountant in Chester for a couple of years before getting a job as an Accounting lecturer at what was then NEWI (now Glyndwr University). I spent a very enjoyable 21 years there, during which time I completed my Doctorate, before moving to my current job as a Senior Lecturer in the University of Central Lancashire, Preston.

I became a Governor to give something back to the school which gave me the foundations to build a career which has been wonderfully varied and rewarding.