

Governor Profile - Andre Costello

I was born and brought up in Preston, Lancashire. An early influence on me was my grandmother, a secondary-school Maths and English remedial teacher, who instilled in me, a belief in the importance of a broad and balanced education.

After leaving school, I went to Nottingham University where I studied Mathematics. After graduating, I became a Computer Programmer and have since spent most of my working life as an IT Professional in the Insurance and Financial Services sectors. I lived and worked in Nottingham, Manchester and Leeds before moving to the London area in 1998.

In the early 1990s, I took a career-break. After qualifying as an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Teacher, I spent a couple of years travelling and teaching in Indonesia. This experience was invaluable to me in broadening my appreciation of other cultures and languages. I take a keen interest in Asia to this day.

I moved, with my wife and daughter, to Carshalton in 2006, partly because of its reputation for good schools, and my daughter now attends one of the other local primary schools. Since moving, and finally settling down, I have taken a much more active interest in local affairs and I am keen to make a contribution to my local community. Hence why I have recently applied to take up the position as an LEA governor at All Saints School.

Although my background is in Maths and IT, these days my hobbies and interests are mainly in the Arts and Humanities, especially the reading of History, Philosophy etc. I hope my breadth of experience and interests, together with involvement in my daughter's own education, will stand me in good stead in understanding the primary curriculum. Like many other parents, I am having to brush up on my school French, master phonics and even relearn long-division!