

K Barton

I am a highly experienced businesswoman, who excels in creating commercial strategies for high-growth companies, as well as brand stewardship and ownership of high-profile communication strategies.

I am currently Group Marketing Director at WTA group, a technology-based logistics company on a high-growth, international trajectory. Here I work with the CEO to develop the three-year business strategy, marketing and communications strategy as well as spearheading the current rebrand. Before that, I worked for the Restore Group as Marketing Director, another fast-growing company, listed on AIM. I supported R&IR, corporate reporting, and capital markets day, to ensure share price growth, as well as leading the commercial marketing, brand, and communication teams.

During my 15+ career, I have also worked as Head of Marketing at Lloyd's of London, as well as other insurance companies in The City, and Grant Thornton. I have written high-profile speeches, including one for the Prime Minister when they visited Lloyd's, and more regularly for the Chairman and CEO of Lloyd's.

I am keen to be involved in my child's and their friends' school and use my strong strategic, financial and communication skills for the benefit of the school, its pupils, and its employees. I am proud of the area I live, and believe Urmston Grammar provides a strong foundation as children navigate into their teenage years, and ultimately leave as young adults. I am keen to use my skills to support the school in providing a holistic education, both academic and wider life skills.

E Bryan

As a former pupil, resident and parent I fully support UGS and its mandate. The governor position is one of advocacy, constructive challenge and support and I will comply with all requirements of a governor as well as bringing my business, commercial and wellbeing acumen to the role.

Having worked at EY for 21 years as a management consultant, I work across all aspects of the business lifecycle and understand the macro and economic challenges impacting our prosperity in the UK such as inflation, energy and the supply chain. As a consultant, I act as a "mechanic" for business, working with clients to solve their biggest transformational outcomes and improve their business.

As I recently found out when attending the Yr11 careers fayre, EY is one of the largest Firms no one has heard of. It is a global Professional Services with 300,000 global colleagues. I have demonstrable knowledge of all functions including finance, HR, operations, procurement, logistics and supply chain for example.

An established coach and mentor, I work with clients to address their challenges, demonstrating emotional intelligence and situational leadership with a set of capabilities I think would be additive as a governor, including discretion and tenacity in navigating difficult and sensitive topics and furthering the causes of the school.

I often need to develop trust and high performing teams at pace, and am invested in helping you, and your pupils achieve your aims and outcomes in a robust and pragmatic way.

A Calder

My child has recently started at Urmston Grammar School, and I would welcome the opportunity to join the school governing board in the role of parent governor.

I have spent the last four years as a co-opted governor of my children's primary school (my youngest child is in year 4), acting as vice-chair of the full governing body and chair of the finance and resources committee. Having visibility of the complex workings of running a school under very tight budget constraints has been quite eye-opening.

My day-to-day job is within the world of maintaining and enhancing national infrastructure, working with large public sector bodies and some of the largest contracting and consulting organisations in the UK and globally. My expertise lies within work winning & business development. I have arranged for colleagues to deliver STEM sessions for pupils at my youngest's primary school, ranging from talks on the importance of trees, biodiversity and the natural environment to the wonderful things archaeologists find during construction of infrastructure projects.

Outside of work I enjoy my time as a grassroots football coach. Last year I organised the inaugural Urmston schools year 3 football tournament, successfully bringing together children from eight local primary schools to compete for the Urmston inter-schools year 3 cup.

Many thanks for taking the time to consider my application.

V Carvalho

Growing up being the son of a teacher in the 80s in Portugal, I heard constraints and issues faced by the front line of education up to this day. I expect to have conveyed the right education to my child by ensuring he values his education and time spent in school in the best way possible.

My academic achievements came in my 30s. Demonstrating my re-found passion for studying and learning, I continue to work towards becoming a member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants.

Being involved in the hospitality industry for over 20 years, I acquired an array of important skills from operations to director level:

- People management;
- Team management;
- Strategic views;
- Training and development;

For the past 18 months I am now the Director of Finance for Medaille Trust, who is a charity that support and helps victims of modern slavery.

I believe that my diverse background will provide a different way of thinking to the Governing Body which will enable enriching, diverse and open discussions for better outcomes for students and the education community.

I have always been a role model to employees, managers and apprentices and have continued to be one for my child and my family by being the first immigrant with no roots in England.

I welcome the opportunity for making a positive impact at Urmston Grammar School by applying to become a Parent Governor, which would align my past, present and future, enabling me to give something back to education.

J Knowles

I am a former pupil of Urmston Grammar School, and my child is now in Year 8.

My sister was also a student at the school and my Father served as a Parent Governor for twelve years, including two as Chair, so I'm fully aware of the challenges and responsibilities the role of Governor carries, but also how rewarding helping the school can be too.

I regularly supported events at my child's primary school, work and live in the area such that I would be able to attend all governor and other school events.

Indeed, I would expect 2023 to be an exceptionally busy year with the school's upcoming centenary and believe this will be a particularly rewarding time to provide additional support, especially as a former pupil who attended the school during one of the most significant times in its history, when the old boys' and girls' schools were merged.

I note that experience in business and finance is preferred, where I have spent my career in the Banking Industry since leaving Urmston Grammar in 1990.

The majority of this time has been in Corporate Banking, where I provided support and advice to my customers, which has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics and drivers of businesses ranging from large international corporations to local businesses and charities.

I believe that my history as a pupil and experience in business and finance make me ideally suited to support the school as a Parent Governor.

D Powell

With reference to the Parent Governor opportunity, I would like to nominate myself for the role available at Urmston Grammar. My child is currently Year 8 and is thoroughly enjoying their time at the school with new friends and the dedicated teaching and leadership teams.

During recent years, I've gained experience within the education sector at FE, HE, Apprenticeship and Nursery levels in senior leadership roles as a shareholder and Board member. Firstly, as CFO of Access Creative, an ESFA funded College with 3000 learners. My experience included expansion planning, cashflow management and debt planning as we made numerous acquisitions of providers including the National College for Creative Industries and multi-million-pound investments in new site openings in Manchester, Bristol and London. All financial, MIS, Growth planning and Estate Management reported to myself.

During my role as CFO of KidsUnlimited, which had 65 nurseries and over 3000 children, I was responsible for balance sheet and cashflow forecasting, growth of estate planning, and local council FEF funding.

I am currently the CEO of a Private Equity owned £100m Specialist Fleet Operator and feel my experience in leadership roles with various stakeholders would be an asset to Urmston Grammar. I qualified as a Chartered Accountant with PwC in 2000 and have been fortunate enough to work in some fantastic businesses with many different leadership styles. I would now love the opportunity of giving something back, offering support and governance to the school

M Washington

I am absolutely committed to developing and working within inclusive environments and removing the barriers that remain for young people from particular backgrounds underrepresented in STEM as, without this support for myself during my own education, I would not have the career I've had so far. I currently work for a charity who works with government departments, primary and secondary schools (both students and teachers) and STEM employers across the UK. My role is to work with these audiences to develop new strategies to facilitate the links across them all to enable young people to have access to role models, information, and inspiration to help them make an informed choice about their future career. I work closely with Careers and Enterprise Company who manage the Gatsby Benchmarks and have senior links into the Department for Education and many STEM employers.

I have extensive financial, strategic and people management skills managing a team of 10 in my current role and manage budgets upwards of £5m across several complex programmes. I'm a confident communicator and understand the UK education system well. I was also a research scientist at the beginning of my career and have fundraised significant amounts of money from a variety of different sources. I was also a parent governor at a deprived London primary school for 3 years. I hope I've conveyed my energy and commitment to this role and the skills and attributes I can bring to Urmston Grammar school, their students, parents, and carers.

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