

# SOLIHULL COLLEGE - STAFF GOVERNOR NOMINEES | PERSONAL STATEMENTS 2016



**Mark Hayes**

Lead Internal Verifier Subject Specialist  
Engineering Apprenticeships

I have worked at Solihull College, School of Engineering, since August 2009. I am currently teaching across the curriculum in General Engineering, Aerospace, Motor Vehicle and apprentice provision.

I moved into education in 2002 with a Birmingham college in the engineering department, teaching full time, part time and 14/16 schools provision and contracts for Central Motorways Police Group, Hillhire Trucks, Cummins Engines and Remit. Before moving into education I worked for 22 years in motor vehicle and engineering in both civilian life and the military.

I have previously served as a governor at three schools in my community, Castle Bromwich Infants School, Castle Bromwich Junior School and Park Hall Secondary School. In the last instance steering it through special measures and its conversion to an academy.

From January 2009 until February 2016 I served as a local government councillor on Castle Bromwich Parish Council, including in this time four years as Chair of the Council.

I believe my previous experience in education and with governing bodies noted above makes me ideally suited to the role of Staff Governor at the College.



**Nick Mapp**

ITQ Tutor/Assessor

Before joining Solihull College my background was in the IT industry holding various positions including sales and technical support, management and board level. I began working at Solihull College in April 2004, tutoring in the IT shops at the Teaching and Learning Hub in Touchwood.

Currently I lecture in the Computing School, delivering ITQ qualifications for City and Guilds and the European Computer Driving License (ECDL). In addition I also work as an assessor and internal verifier for the College where I assess in several areas in the apprenticeship scheme. I am a member of several committees at Solihull College including the main College Health and Safety Committee, the Stress Working Party and the Accident Statistics Forum. I am also an active member of both recognised trade unions, UNISON and UCU, here at Solihull College where I often help or represent staff members in my role as Health and Safety Representative.

In 2012 I was elected Staff Governor; during my tenure I have attained over 87% attendance at Corporation meetings, as well as attending many Governor training events and conferences. Over the past four years I have contributed to College governance on a number of issues including the appointment of a new Principal, Ofsted inspections, the Area Review process and many more. I have appreciated your support over the past four years and would like to ask for your help in securing my re-election as Staff Governor.



**Lynn Roberts**

Learning Technologies Manager

Although relatively new to Solihull College, I'm no stranger to the world of education. I've worked within the FE and HE sectors since 2010, starting my career as a web developer at Walsall College, then moving on to Aston University. I briefly returned to Walsall College as Learning Technologies Manager before coming to Solihull College in January 2015 to fulfil the same role.

My position at the College affords me the opportunity to build relationships with both curriculum and business support staff, meaning I have a good understanding of what happens in the classroom, as well as behind the scenes. I'm a regular attendee of the Disability Equality Group meetings, I host regular ILT (Information and Learning Technology) Focus Group meetings and I also attend Student Council meetings and Student Conferences.

My enthusiasm to gather feedback from colleagues as well as my own understanding of the staff experience put me in a good position to contribute to College decision making.