

## A Message from our Chair of Governors

### Who am I?



I am a Civil Servant having worked for the Department of Work and Pensions and currently work for the Home Office. I have lived in Slough all my life and have seen the town successfully develop over the years. I have been through the schooling system and am educated to degree level. My eldest daughter has successfully left Montem and is currently doing well in Year 8. My other two children are in Year four and one. My hobbies include playing several sports, cycling and I enjoy watching live snooker. I enjoy travelling and spending time with family and friends and collect both old and foreign coins.

I joined the Governing Body in 2010 as a Parent Governor and was part of our transformation to an Academy. After my time as a Parent Governor, I was appointed as a Community Governor and Vice Chair of our newly formed Academy Council.

I have had the opportunity to be part of our last 2 Ofsted visits and have really began to understand our rigorous and ever changing school systems.

### Why be Chair?

A big thank you to Margaret Innis who was chair for over three years, Margaret was part of our most recent Ofsted Outstanding achievement. As I was Vice Chair, I was being developed to become Chair in the near future. So when the call came, I was ready to continue on from the successes of our previous Chair Margaret.

I have been part of Montem's transformation journey since 2010, so becoming Chair was a great opportunity and honour. I have taken the role of Chair as a great development opportunity and am thankful to both the Park Federation and Montem's Senior Leaders for all their continued help and support.

The Academy Council has continued to excel and our Governor's are all committed to the school, its children and staff along with other stakeholders. Governors have a wide range of skills and experiences which are a great benefit to the school and its community.

They all give their time voluntarily and I recognise their efforts and contributions.

### How have I found it?

Being Chair has certainly given me refreshed challenges and objectives. I regularly visit Montem to carry out the functions of the Chair and meet our Senior Leaders. I have been out in the playground meeting parents, visiting class rooms and being the special guest at the Xmas Productions is certainly my highlight.

I have attended training sessions with other Chairs/Vice Chairs, where we were able to share best practice across The Park Federation.

One of my objectives is for the Academy Council to engage further with our parents and to listen to your views/comments on how to further develop the Montem Academy for the better. So please watch this SPACE...

### Major Themes:

- **Finance:** Budgets are getting tighter with the proposals for the National Funding Formula amongst other changes. The vast majority of the Montem's budget goes on staff and they are our greatest asset. Therefore it is important that we will have to do all we can to manage within our resources and be creative about how we may generate additional income.

- **Momentum:** Montem has a proud record of achievement and we all want that to continue and grow. It is possible to track progress of individual pupils and cohorts on a real time daily basis so that any performance issues can be addressed straight away. As Governors we regularly look at data and are aware of any such performance issues and praise areas of good and outstanding performances.

- **Our Building:** The Park Federation has invested a huge amount of time and money to ensure our children get the best during their time at Montem. I will not list the work done over the years as you have witnessed yourself the magnificent transformation to both our buildings and other areas of the school.

In short it has been a great time for me to take over as Chair and to help develop and excel our Academy Council to the next level. I continue to learn and develop as both Chair and Governor and thank you to my fellow Governors and our Principals and their staff for their contributions and hard work.

*Shuhab Hamid - Chair of Governors*

## to question is to grow

### Your Governors - Who's Who

**Zaheer Abbas** - I have been in Education for 20 years as a Teacher, Head of Department, Learning Director and Assistant Head teacher. I have worked nationally and internationally and have lived in Chalvey for the last 14 years; I love this area with its strong community feel and really enjoy walking in the neighborhood and meeting people I know.



I joined the Governing Body of Montem Academy as a Parent Governor in March 2014 and really enjoy being part of the team. My motivation for being a school Governor is that I would like every child to feel the way that I did throughout my education.

I strongly believe that Montem is an excellent primary school, delivering high quality learning opportunities both within, and outside, the classroom.

**Viv Gibbons** - I have worked at Montem Academy for nearly three years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time at this school. The children here are amazing and a real credit to Montem and to our parents!



Although new to the Montem Academy Academy council (as Staff Governor) I do have over ten years' experience as a Parent Governor at other schools in the local area (both Primary and Secondary). I am keen to use this experience to help Montem develop and grow as an Outstanding school.

My hobbies include horse riding and creative writing. I am a Cub Leader at 3rd Upton Scout Group. I am looking forward to working with the Montem Governing Body team

**Harri Mann** - I was elected as a Staff Governor in November 2016 and I have found it to be a challenging, rewarding and enjoyable role.



I volunteered to become a Staff Governor as I was keen to contribute to the development and support of our excellent school and staff. I am based in KS1 and my current link role is Pupil Premium and Data.

I am a local resident to the school and I am a mother of 2 daughters. I enjoy Yoga, dog walking and running. I love

the outdoors.

The governing body at Montem has evolved in the last 6 months and I am looking forward to the exciting times ahead!

**Adam Martin** - I'm really pleased to be in my second term of office as Parent Governor at Montem Academy. I have two children at the school (my daughter is currently in Year 4 and my son is in Year 3).



Over the last 4 years I have actively supported the school in many ways. As Governor one of the areas that I cover is health and safety; this is very interesting as I work closely with our Site Manager to ensure the school is compliant in this very important area. I am a manager at the local Wetherspoon and I am proud to bring my business knowledge to the Governing Body.



**Mona Mohamed** - I recently became a Parent Governor and I couldn't be happier! I take great pride in being a member of the Montem Academy Governing Body.

Education is very important in my family - I don't take for granted the education we have here in the UK, I always encourage my daughter,

who is in Year 5 at Montem, to be the best she can be, both academically and as a person.

My ambition was to be part of the legacy of Montem academy and now that I have that opportunity I promise that I will work hard as part of the Governing Body team.

I enjoy reading, traveling to new places and meeting new people.

### Meet the Team

As an Academy Council we always welcome your feedback and support. Please feel free to stop and approach us when you see us around the school; we regularly visit the school playground before and after school to "meet and greet" our parents.

There will be a Montem Academy Council Information desk at the Parent Meeting Day on Thursday 29th March in the KS2 hall - we do hope that you will be able to find time to visit us.

Please email [maoffice@theparkfederation.org](mailto:maoffice@theparkfederation.org) if you would like to contact the Academy Council Team.