

Mr Vernon Hales

Chair of Governors

Vernon started his teaching career in a state sector, prior to his move to teach in an independent school in 1986. He taught in a range of all boys' prep schools, becoming Deputy Head in New Zealand in 1994, before returning to the UK to be Deputy Head and Housemaster at Elstree School in Berkshire.

In 2003 he was appointed as Headmaster at Aldwickbury School in Harpenden, where he remained until his retirement in 2021. Having worked in all boys' prep schools for well over 30 years Vernon is well aware of the benefits of single sex education.

A wider involvement in education has seen Vernon acting as a governor at two independent schools and he is currently Chairman of Governors at St Joseph's in the Park, Hertingfordbury. He has served on committees at a national level with the IAPS and RFU, as well as being an Honorary Vice-President at Redbourn Cricket Club. Vernon is a trained ISI inspector.

Since September 2021 he has been the Deputy Chair of the Advisory Board at Inspired Learning Group and is involved across all the schools in the group. Vernon was appointed as Chair of Governors at St Francis when the College joined ILG in the summer of 2022.

Away from work, Vernon lives close to Royston, enjoying village life and walking his dog in the surrounding countryside. He has a lifelong passion for sport, although nowadays restricts himself to golf and the occasional game of cricket!

