

Dave Elston
Director

I see the foundation that school gives young people is vital to their future well-being and opening up exciting opportunities for them in the future. The school needs strong leadership to deliver this foundation, and the Governors play a vital role in ensuring the school leadership is creating the right environment for this to work and providing clarity for all. I believe I can constructively help support this process as a Governor. I have worked in Leadership roles in retail, both in store and online, throughout my career, working with many different people from diverse backgrounds. I have always prided myself on my ability to coach and mentor team members and derive huge satisfaction from seeing people fulfil their potential. I now work principally as a Consultant in the Digital space. Prior to this I ran the eCommerce and Digital business for Clarks Shoes, and before that I worked for HMV, including a stint running HMV Oxford Circus, the world's largest record store. The experience and leadership roles I have enjoyed throughout my career have strengthened my skills in Strategy, Digital and Leadership as well as more commercial skills. My son is currently in Year 9 at Huish and is looking forward to making his subject choices for Year 10 and 11, and if all goes well, then moving into the Sixth Form. I believe my experience and skills will help support the governors and the school in achieving its goal of offering a nurturing and encouraging environment, which cares about the individual student and supports them to thrive in a warm and caring community in which all the students feel valued.

Feb 2021