

Bedales Schools Board of Governors

Career Summary Statements

CLAUDIA ARNEY MBA

(Retires from Board 2027)

Claudia read English at Oxford, and then started her career at Mckinsey before moving on to Pearson plc where she worked on the development of their educational publishing business. After completing her MBA at Insead, Claudia joined the Financial Times where she was part of the team that launched FT.com. She then became CEO of TheStreet.co.uk, an Internet start up providing news and analysis for private investors. She moved from there to Goldman Sachs where she was responsible for the development of the GS Portal, and the development of the Goldman Sachs digital strategy. Claudia left Goldman Sachs to work for HM Treasury where she was Director of the Enterprise and Growth Unit, responsible for productivity, competition and regulation. Claudia became Group Managing Director of Emap in 2008. She left Emap in 2011 to focus on non-executive roles and she has been on the Boards of; Aviva plc, The Premier League, Halfords plc, Telecity plc, Which?, Transport for London, and The Shareholder Executive.

Claudia is currently Chair of Deliveroo plc, and a non-executive director of Derwent London plc, and Kingfisher plc. She is an OB, and has three children, one of whom is being educated at Bedales.

JESSICA BOYD PhD

(Retires from Board 2029)

I was at Bedales from 1992-1996. My uncle, cousin and two younger sisters were also there, and my father was briefly Chairman of the Governors when he retired from the Foreign Office. There's a strong family commitment to the place and the underlying principles and values. In the usual way, my Bedalian friends remain some of my closest friends, and I still see several of my teachers.

I was at Cambridge as an undergraduate, where I studied Philosophy, then went to Harvard for a year as a Kennedy Scholar, then completed a PhD in Philosophy at Princeton, after which I returned to the UK and took up law. I've been a practising barrister at Blackstone Chambers since 2007, specialising principally in Public Law and Human Rights, but also working in Competition, Media and Regulatory Law more generally. I live in Camden with my partner Javan (also a barrister) and three young children.

I'm interested in theatre, chamber music and regenerative agriculture, among other things. All owe much to my time at Bedales. For many years I was a trustee of Cecily's Fund, a charity supporting the education of Aids orphans in Zambia, founded in memory of my dear Bedalian friend Cecily Eastwood, who died the year after we left school.

CLARE BRADBURY BSc (Hons) PGCE

(Retires from Board 2025)

Clare was brought up in a services family and therefore spent many years travelling. She was educated at Bromsgrove School, the University of Lancaster where she studied Psychology and then Westminster College, Oxford where she completed her PGCE in Primary Education. Clare has over 20 years' experience of Prep school education, in both boarding and day environments, in schools up to the ages of 11 and 13. She most recently held the position of Deputy Head at Westbourne House School and is now the Headteacher of Oakwood School in Chichester.

Clare has two boys at Seaford College and is married to John, who is also in education, working at Chichester College. Her interests include renovation of their family home in France, cooking and walking her two energetic dogs, Flo and Lily, in The Downs and on the local beaches.

FELIX GREY PhD

(Retires from Board 2025)

Felix joined Dunnanie aged 4, and went all the way through Dunhurst and Bedales (1992-2006). He then studied chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of Oxford, researching enzymes for fuel cells in his masters year. After graduating he worked for 2OC, a green energy start-up, turning waste bio-liquids into electricity. This experience lead him into economics, which he studied at the University of Cambridge, gaining a Diploma, MPhil, and a PhD. He also held the William Cook Fellowship in economics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he was director of studies. He taught undergraduate microeconomics and lectured on the economics of climate change. His research focused on environmental and political economics, including: the role of lobbying in environmental protection, the importance of companies in blocking or supporting regulation, and the way cities and governments can learn from each other when protecting the environment. He is now an economic adviser in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, working on the UK's Emissions Trading Scheme, a core policy instrument designed to bring our carbon emissions down to net zero.

MARK HANSON

(Retires from Board 2027)

Mark is the deputy managing partner of Hakluyt and runs its North America business. He joined the firm in 2002, and his previous roles at the firm include leading their strategy consulting practice, which he established, managing their division serving public market investors and their Asia business. Prior to Hakluyt, Mark spent four years in the British Army, including active service in Operation Desert Storm; six years in the UK Diplomatic Service, including a posting to Tehran; an MBA at INSEAD in France; and three years at Bain & Company. Mark is a graduate of the University of Cambridge, studied at New Delhi University and is a former deputy chairman of UK Sport.

OWEN JONATHAN LLB (Hons)

(Retires from Board 2024)

Owen was brought up in Wales and educated at Malvern College and then the University of Bristol where he studied law. He qualified as a solicitor in 1974. He was a partner of City solicitors, Norton Rose, from 1983 to 1994. He then became general counsel to the Kuok Group, based in Hong Kong, one of Asian's largest family owned conglomerates and also served as deputy and then chief executive of publicly listed South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's leading English language newspaper. In 2000 he returned to England and joined PwC as its' general counsel and executive board member until he retired in 2012.

Owen subsequently served as the senior adviser to Norton Rose Fulbright until 2020 and is a non-executive director of the investment trust, Invesco Asia Trust plc. He was a founding director and trustee of The Grange Festival, the Hampshire opera company. Owen lives locally with his wife, Jane. Two of his three children went to Bedales. Owen's interests include opera, painting and trekking.

STEPHEN NOKES

(Retires from Board 2026)

Educated in Hampshire, Wales and Oxford University Stephen was formerly Head of John Hampden Grammar School. A founder member of the Grammar School Heads Association, from which he stepped down as Chairman in July 2016, he still advises GSHA and in this capacity he had frequent involvement with ministers and civil servants in the DFE. He is an expert consultant and has extensive experience working in headship appointments.

Stephen has extensive experience of both independent and state sector schools. He has been a Governor at three independent schools and is currently a Governor at two outstanding state schools.

Interested in digital learning and computer science he is a Trustee of the Causeway Foundation, which initiated and supports a program of computer masterclasses for young people across the UK led by the Royal Institution.

EDWARD REES BA (ED) Hons

(Retires from Board 2028)

Edward was born in Portsmouth and spent most of his childhood living locally in Rowland's Castle. Educated at Charterhouse and Durham University, Edward graduated with a BA(ED) Hons degree in Education, before starting his first teaching post at Dulwich College in London where he spent 16 years. During that time he worked as a resident boarding house tutor and taught mainly in the Junior School where he was Head of PE and Games and, subsequently, Deputy Head for 11 years. Edward helped develop the Dulwich franchise in China, spent three years on the Governing Board at Finton House and is a qualified ISI inspector. Edward is now in his eighth year as Headmaster of Hornsby House School in Balham; a non-selective co-ed independent prep school of 440 children. At the last count five Hornsby alumni are resident at Dunhurst/Bedales. Married with two teenagers and a much-loved labradoodle called Digby, Edward is a long-suffering Portsmouth FC fan and keen sportsman having represented the full ISFA Under 19 team and Durham University at football and the MCC at cricket.

TIMOTHY WISE

(Retires from Board 2022)

Brought up in the Far East and Switzerland. Educated at Radley College and Christ Church, Oxford. Qualified as a solicitor with Freshfields and moved into merchant banking with Kleinwort Benson in 1987. Spent three years in New York from 1989 – 1992. Joined Cazenove and became a partner in 2000. Now Chairman of J.P. Morgan Cazenove, the successor company to Cazenove and is a Member of the Development Committee of the National Gallery. Married to Judith, a garden designer, with three children who have all been educated at Bedales.