

MEET THE ACADEMY COUNCIL

This time we will be focusing on three of our Academy Council Members, for many of you these will be familiar faces.

The most familiar face to you all will be Mrs Luce. Mrs Luce sits on the Academy Council as the Executive Principal of both schools, this is a change in title the Academy Council have put in place. Mrs Luce looks after the strategy and direction across the partnership between the schools.

Working with Mrs Luce are Mrs dos Santos and Mrs Gibbard, as Head of Schools. They report and inform the Academy Council at the meetings as the leads in the day to day of both schools, providing their insight is critical.

We are very lucky as an Academy Council to have the input of all three members of the leadership team.

If you would like to get in touch with us, please do so through your school office.



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**JEANNE
DOS SANTOS**
Lydiard Millicent

HEAD OF SCHOOL
Non-Academy Council Member



**LAURA
GIBBARD**
Ridgeway Farm



**CARLY
LUCE**
Executive Principal



**Ridgeway Farm
CE Academy**

When I was growing up, I knew I wanted to be a teacher – it's cheesy but it's true. I started at Lydiard Millicent CE Primary in January 2009 as Deputy Head and Year 6 Teacher and then I was delighted when I was successful in applying for the role of Headteacher in March 2015. Following on from that, I was given the opportunity to help to grow and shape a new DBAT Academy and Ridgeway Farm CE Academy opened in September 2016, making me the very proud Principal of two wonderful schools. I love the diversity of my job – no two days are the same and they are never dull. It is an honour to be part of your child's journey through our schools. The work of the Academy Council helps both schools to celebrate successes, review areas to develop and continue to improve. We make sure that our schools remain distinctively Christian and that children have what they need to be able to flourish and live well beyond their time at primary school.

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I am the current Y5 class teacher at Lydiard Millicent. I joined the school 3 years ago, but I have also taught at another large Swindon school for numerous years and at a primary school in Gloucestershire prior to that one too. I have taught in a range of year groups, predominantly in Key Stage 2. I am from, and currently reside in Cirencester, so know the local area very well.

I joined the Governing Board, now known as the Academy Council in 2019. My role is as a Community Academy Councillor with a focus specifically on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). I bring my experience from over a decade of teaching in a range of schools as well as a true passion for providing high quality education and opportunities for all of our pupils. This is something which I feel incredibly strong about. Part of my role is to liaise with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and then share this perspective with the rest of the Academy Council.

**MISS SADIE
HERBERT**

Community Academy Council Member



**TUDOR
ROBERTS**

Foundation Academy Council Member

I have been a Foundation governor for 13 years and a school governor for 25 years. I have been to a lot of meetings! I love working with schools because it means I can take part in encouraging children and staff, in knowing as Jesus said "life in all its fullness". I love doing collective worship and assemblies, but I also enjoy being in a classroom and being able to listen to children's experience of learning. Both schools in Lydiard Millicent and in Ridgeway Farm are fabulous schools, they buzz with energy and ideas and it is a real privilege to be part of the school communities. If you ever get called to serve in schools, it is an enormous privilege. The training you get is second to none and it makes you feel you're part of something bigger.

I am married to Tricia also ordained, we have two children one in the British Army and one serving in the NHS in child and youth psychology. We have one cat, and we love walking in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside and trying to be gardeners. I read a lot and paint pictures of cows and sheep and Tricia is brilliant at board games, quizzes and crosswords.

Oh yes, and we are both clergy and serve as Church ministers at All Saints Church.