

I am the Principal of the University Technical College on the Aycliffe Business Park, the nearest secondary school to Aycliffe Village.

Prior to my current role, I graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in Engineering and a postgraduate diploma in Computer Science. I started my career at ICI on Teesside and spent 5 years as a chartered mechanical engineer, project manager and manufacturing consultant. I then joined London-based Gemini Consulting, leading organisational change projects for 4 years in industry, telecoms and retail for multinational companies.

In 2002 I trained to be a teacher with a PGCE at Goldsmith's College in London and worked at an outstanding school in south London as Head of Design and Technology. I moved home to the North East in 2005 and developed my teaching and leadership career in Northumberland before taking up the role as Principal of the UTC.

I first visited Aycliffe Village Primary to present a competition prize to one of the Year 5 students. I thoroughly enjoyed coming back to deliver an assembly on technology and engineering and was therefore delighted when I was asked to be a governor. I am Chair of the recently established data committee.

I feel a wide range of experiences and skills which enable me to offer much to the governing body of Aycliffe Village Primary School.