

Meet our Leadership Team

Tamara Gulliver

Acting CEO

Tamara Gulliver is the Acting Chief Executive of St Marys Academy Trust in Barnsley. Having started her teaching career in 1992, she has worked in a range of primary schools within the Borough and has a passion for early years opportunities and the social and emotional wellbeing of all pupils.

Her career journey has taken her from outstanding class teacher to deputy head, a successful and well-respected Headteacher and now to her current role. She has the ability to plan strategically for the improvements within a school and has the talent to communicate her vision to a wide audience. She has excellent knowledge of safeguarding and proven expertise in working in deprived communities, building relationships with families and raising aspirations for all.

Tamara is committed to ensuring that all pupils within St Mary's Academy Trust receive a primary curriculum with challenge, excitement and breadth and are equipped to face their future with the life skills and confidence to succeed.



Jo Hudson

Head of HR, Projects, and Data



Jo Hudson is the Head of HR, Projects and Data. She joined St. Mary's Academy Trust in August 2016. Prior to this, she had worked at BMBC since 1994 in HR, the last 3 years of this being in the Traded Arm which provided a service to both schools and private sector. As part of a small team this was a huge success and generated vital income for LA services.

Jo provides advice and support to the management teams in all aspects of HR and projects to ensure that our staff can work to their full potential. Jo is also the Data Protection Officer.

In her spare time Jo enjoys spending time with her family, reading and walking.

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James Jackson
Head of Finance, Premises and IT

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Rachael Cuthbert

Lead Practitioner



Rachael Cuthbert has recently joined St Mary's Academy Trust as a Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning.

Rachael is passionate about the wider curriculum offer that schools provide for children, as accessing a broad and balanced curriculum supports pupils to develop into well-rounded, knowledgeable students, who are ready to contribute to, and have a voice about their wider community.

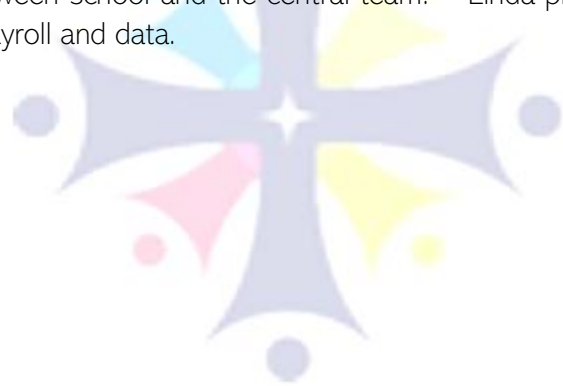
Rachael has previously worked as a Class Teacher and other roles she has held during this time have included: Wider Curriculum Development Lead, Computing Lead, Science Lead, SLE (Science and Curriculum Development), STEM Associate Facilitator, ENTHUSE Partnership Lead and Deputy Lead, ITT Mentor and Staff Governor.

From this work, Rachael has gained lots of experience in communicating and working with others within a school and across multiple schools, in order to strengthen and improve outcomes for children. She is committed to working with schools to grow the curriculum offer, allowing all children to engage, thrive and succeed.

Linda Johnson
Business Centre Manager

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Linda started her career in education in 1989 as a Teaching Assistant and worked in a school for 28 years, initially as a Teaching Assistant and then within the School Office as an Administrative Assistant and then as Finance Manager. Linda therefore has a wealth of knowledge of school systems and best practice. She joined the Trust Central Team, initially part time, while still working in school, and moved across as a full time Finance Manager in 2017, progressing to her current role of Business Centre Manager in 2021. She is a valued member of the team bringing with her essential skills to link between school and the central team. Linda provides support to both the central team and schools across a variety of areas including HR, finance, payroll and data.



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Patrick Bradshaw - Premises Manager

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Lynn Greenfield
Project Manager



Lynn Greenfield – Chair of Governors ST Marys CE and Royston St John The Baptist Primary Schools

Lynn recently retired from the position of School Catering Advisor for BMBC School Catering Service after 36 years of service with the Local Authority, working in most of the boroughs Primary and Secondary School settings. The experience Lynn has gained has given her first class analytical, design and problem-solving skills with a dedication to maintaining high quality standards.

Lynn joined the Board of Governors at St Marys CE in 2005 and was Vice Chair when St Marys CE was one of the first schools to convert to trust status in 2012.

Lynn seeks to ensure that all children have the opportunity and inspiration so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.

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Michael Child

ICT Manager

Mike has come to St. Mary's Academy Trust in September 2016, as a Newly Qualified Teacher. After completing his NQT and gaining QTS at West Meadows Primary School, he was given the opportunity to stay within the Trust as a specialist teacher of ICT.

In 2018, he has become a part of a project to bring the academies IT services in-house which provided him with the opportunity to progress his career in a different direction. He is now responsible for all aspects of IT across our schools and our head office. However, he still manages to fit in the teaching of coding lessons from time to time and lead on teaching developments of ICT and Computing across the Trust. The requirements of each role are vastly different, and the learning curve was steep, but the Academy has supported him throughout and continue to do so.

St. Mary's Academy Trust has provided him the opportunity to follow a career path parallel to teaching, utilising, and adding to his skills set and opening pathways to progression."

Michael Child,

IT Manager and former Teacher

