



In Memory of
Alan Richards
1960 - 2025

We are deeply saddened to share the news that Alan Richards passed away peacefully on Saturday, 25th May 2025, after a long illness.

Alan supported the creation and then the growth of the James Montgomery Academy Trust, he contributed immensely to shaping the Trust's vision, culture, and governance. He held several key roles, including Chair of Governors at Wath Victoria Primary School, Trustee of JMAT, and most recently, a valued Member of the Trust.

Throughout his time with us, Alan made a lasting impact. His intelligence, integrity, and unwavering commitment were evident in every discussion and decision. He asked the challenging questions when necessary, but always with thoughtfulness and compassion and was always a strong guiding presence. His contributions were vital in strengthening our governance and keeping our core mission in sharp focus.

As a Member of the Trust, Alan remained a passionate advocate for educational excellence and accountability. He approached his role with care, precision, and a strong sense of moral purpose, always striving for the best outcomes for children and young people.

Alan's passion for education, his inclusive leadership style, and his thoughtful, steady support left a deep impression on all who worked with him. Drawing on his experience as a National Leader of Governance, he offered invaluable insight and left a legacy that will long be remembered.

Above all, Alan was a rare and remarkable individual who was trusted, wise, and kind. He was not only a respected professional but also a loyal friend and a tireless supporter of young people's futures. His humour, humility, and quiet strength will be sorely missed.