



## HfL MAT Executive

### **Alex Thomas, Chief Executive Officer**

Alex became the first substantive CEO of the Herts for Learning Multi Academy Trust in September 2017. Before this he was Principal of Capital City Academy in Brent, one of the original City Academies. Alex has also been the Headteacher of St. Augustine's CE High School in South Kilburn. Originally trained as a teacher of economics, he worked at a number of central London schools including St. Marylebone CE School, where he was Senior Teacher, and Westminster City School, where he was Deputy Headteacher. During his time as a senior leader he has been a member of an IEB for a local primary and is now a Member of the Excellence in Education MAT that grew out of the partnership which turned the school round.

Outside interests include current affairs, cinema, travel and all sports, especially football. He lives in Central London.

### **Lynne Wilson-Leary, Academy Improvement Lead**

Lynne has extensive experience in education. Her former roles include two primary headships in Hertfordshire. Prior to joining the HfL MAT she was a senior school improvement adviser with Herts for Learning Ltd (HfL Ltd) where she led a team of Hertfordshire Improvement Partners responsible for monitoring and supporting primary schools in the west of the county. Lynne was a member of the HfL Ltd project team involved in establishing the MAT. She holds the professional qualification for school inspectors (PQSI).

### **Emma Gritten, Chief Financial Officer**

Emma originally trained as a Chartered Accountant, working for over ten years for one of the "Big Four" accountancy firms. Before joining the HfL MAT in September 2018, she worked for five years as a School Business Manager across a secondary and primary school, both part of a larger academy trust, based in south west Hertfordshire.

### **Jackie Goodhall, Company Secretary/Policy Officer**

Jackie has worked in education administration for over twenty years. Initially she worked for the school improvement service of Hertfordshire County Council, then for Herts for Learning Limited, where she supported the establishment of the Herts for Learning Multi Academy Trust. Her roles have included company secretarial support for HfL Ltd and HfL MAT Boards, policy development, project management and more recently, data protection.