

Ben Cassidy  
Chair of Academic Committee

My career has been within primary education. In Brent I served as a substantive headteacher and also as a Consultant Headteacher supporting a Church of England and an Islamic state school. Moving to Ealing I continued to support schools in difficulty through the Diocese of Westminster whilst developing a significant interest in developing partnerships between schools, which formed the focus of my masters degree. Ealing is an incredibly diverse borough and the partnerships across sport, catering, extended schools activities and safeguarding sought to improve the life chances of all children. Within my own school my passion was to prove that a broad and rich curriculum with a focus on the arts and sport directly supported academic excellence rather than distracted from it.

I joined the governing body of St Augustine's in 2016 and serve as the chair of the Academic Committee, continuing my interest in academic stretch and broad curricular learning. I also sit on the Safeguarding Committee bringing my 22 years experience of headship to this role and take a particular interest in supporting and developing the Catholic ethos of St. Augustine within our wonderful multi-faith community.