The Governors are extremely proud to have the opportunity to play such an integral role in the life of St. Anselm’s College, being closely involved through its committee structure. We give strong support to the Headmaster and Senior Leadership Team and, indeed to all our dedicated staff, both teachers and support staff.

In March 2014 the Inspector of the Diocese of Shrewsbury reported that “The Headmaster, Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body are deeply committed to Catholic Christian Values and the Church’s mission in education. Staff, Governors and students appreciate and understand the school’s mission and purpose and are heavily and actively involved in their implementation; there is general pride in what the College represents.”

The new Chairman of the Governors has been involved with the College for 10 years, including as a parent and many of the male Governors are also former pupils. Alongside our other Governors, who represent parents, the Christian Brothers and the Local Authority, they give unstinting service to the College and have done so for many years.

Our most recent Ofsted Report (January 2017) recognised the Governors’ effective commitment to our “very strong culture of safeguarding” and pride in our “excellent pastoral support” and our contribution to the “safe climate for learning for pupils”. They also identified that “Governors are adamant that the pupils at St Anselm’s must receive a rounded education which provides pupils’ personal growth”. However, they criticised the Governing Body of the time for not being rigorous enough in holding leaders to account on a range of issues including student progress. The Governing Body was wounded by these criticisms having been praised for its leadership in all previous inspections, and has responded to them in the form of an Ofsted Action Plan which is displayed on the College website and which is regularly reviewed. Leaders are most certainly being held to account for student progress and support for the Disadvantaged and SEND students, and we have clear evidence of effectiveness of this strategy in the shape of this year’s very impressive, improved A Level and GCSE results. I am pleased to inform you that we were the highest-rated school 6th Form in Wirral for progress from GCSE to A Level in 2017 and achieved the best A Level results of any Boys’ School in Wirral this summer and 5th best overall, based on our points score. We expect to retain our ranking when the 2018 Progress Tables are published in January. Our GCSE results exceeded expectations and indicate excellent value added from Key Stage 2 – 4 in 2018, which is the national progress measure. Our Attainment 8 Score was our highest-ever and pupils exceeded targets in English, Maths, the Sciences and Humanities. Disadvantaged and SEND pupils also made good progress, above expectations and national averages.

The personnel of the Governing Body has changed, partly through retirement and Governors reaching the end of their terms of office. We have recruited several new Governors with experience of school leadership, as Headteachers, in order that we might best respond to the current Ofsted Framework and education agenda.

As Governors, with a range of expertise and experience, we have a clear vision for the future of the College. We believe that our commitment, allied to the leadership of the Headmaster and SLT and the modernisation of Outwood House as a new Sixth Form Building, will ensure that St. Anselm’s continues to progress providing outstanding educational opportunities for its young men.

St. Anselm’s is recognised by Ofsted, the Diocese, pupils and parents and throughout Wirral, as being a family school and the Governors are determined to carry on being just that within the St Anselm’s family.

Mr John Greaves
Chairman of Governors