

Matt Barber

The majority of my school life was spent by the coast in Kent, followed by an Apprenticeship at the Army Apprentices College in Chepstow. I really enjoyed my 16 years in the Royal Engineers, in particular the overseas travel. For 5 years I was an Instructor at the Royal School of Military Engineering in Camberley, teaching the advanced Engineering courses.

Having left the Military in 2002 I worked as an Operations Manager for the UK market leader in residential and commercial playground equipment. I then decided to return to my Engineering roots as a Construction Project Manager first for Costain Limited and then later Babcock International. In 2008 I started my own business as a consultant specialising in Construction Project Management. I have since Project Managed various Projects circa £50M on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

As a family we decided to leave the traffic and noise of Sandhurst behind, so my wife Azra, daughter Alice, son Harry and I moved to Purley in 2013 to enjoy the quiet life. Alice is loving her time at Purley Primary School and Harry has a place starting Sept 16.

As a Member of the Chartered Institute of Building I volunteered to support the School as the 'new build' works entered the first phase and was Co-opted onto the Governing body as Chair of the New Build committee. As these works are now complete I have been able to support the School on other Committee's having recently been appointed Chair of the Site and Safety committee.

I enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the School and Village, and really believe that you get out of life what you put into it.