

**MAKING
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BETTER**

TEAM TALK

*MEETING THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE LIVES BETTER*

Richard Flaherty

- Has loved watching the Trust grow
- Works in the Central Team
- Enjoys golf at the weekend



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What's your perfect weekend?

Family time, a bit of golf (ok a lot of golf!), United winning, Sunday Roast, a walk in the sun and a good sleep.

Describe a moment in your current role that made you feel especially proud.

Watching the trust grow over the last 2.5 years. Lots of work was needed in all departments. The finance team have massively changed processes so that we are able to provide the necessary information to a variety of stakeholders. It has been a huge amount of work which is still ongoing, but we are all proud of the progress that has been made.

What's something surprising about your job that most people wouldn't know?

The small details really matter. When examining a school's budget often small changes that add up make a big difference. Look after the pennies and the pounds look after themselves as my Grandad would say!

If you could swap roles with anyone in the Trust for a day, who would it be and what would you hope to learn?

Definitely David May so I could turn the tables and interview him! On a serious note, it would probably be with someone school based as I do miss the daily interactions with pupils and the occasional hilarious moments you can only experience in schools.

If you could instantly learn a new skill to use in your role, what would it be?

Spreadsheet geek alert - Pivot Tables.

Do you have a favourite place you love to visit again and again?

Other than the Golf course we, as a family, love North Wales and we went to Cornwall in the summer which was fantastic.

In one sentence, how would you sum up what "Making Lives Better" means to you?

Ensuring all pupils across our schools have an equal chance at success in life.

Which book, TV show or film do you recommend to everyone?

Any film you can watch as a family is brilliant. We watched ET with our 9 year old recently and it was great.

What do you think makes our Trust a unique place to work or learn?

The daily interaction with various teams is unusual. Having previously worked in a Primary School I would have been leading in HR, Finance, Premises and other areas. These specialisms make the Central Team such a unique place.

What's one thing on your bucket list you still hope to tick off?

Travelling around Europe in a motorhome.





We hope you have enjoyed learning about a member of our Trust family who works so hard to Make Lives Matter. If you would like the opportunity to work with people like this, please visit our Trust website to learn more.



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