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**BRADFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Co-educational up to 11, Girls only 11-18

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MBA (Distinction) - Leeds University Business School 2003

Alison has a wealth of business experience across a range of sectors and has specialised in all aspects of school business management in the last twenty years. Bursarship at Gateways School, Leeds and a national role as Deputy General Secretary of the Independent Schools Bursars Association provided Alison with expertise in school business management, at both the operational and strategic level. Her last school role was as a Director of External Relations before setting up a consultancy in 2010. Since then Alison has worked with schools and businesses providing diagnostic skills, strategic advice and implementation planning across the spectrum of business issues. She also writes for The Good Schools Guide.

Alison enjoys walking, cycling (in undulating terrain!) and pilates. An avid reader she is a keen member of a local book group. Volunteer activities include acting as a student mentor at Leeds University Business School and membership of her village group drawing up their Neighbourhood Plan.

Alison and husband Malcolm have been fortunate to travel extensively, not least because their son lives in Sydney with his Australian wife. Closer to home, in Harrogate, is their daughter and husband and star attractions, young granddaughters Willow and Neve!

Having been so closely involved with the Free School application from the outset, Alison is delighted to be able to contribute to the development of the school in a different role, as a governor.