



### **Bob Twells**

Bob left the Dukies with one O-Level (Art) at grade 6 and promptly joined the Royal Air Force. During his eight-year career, he educated himself, represented the RAF at Modern Pentathlon including two British Championships, worked on Hercules Transporters and Vulcan Bombers and was awarded an Air Officer's Commendation for meritorious service in conjunction with the New Year's Honours List - 1st January 1977.

Whilst studying Education at Kingston Polytechnic, Bob was awarded the Brigadier STA Memorial prize for the attainment and best all-around performance by a mature student. He then went on to enjoy a 36-year teaching career, spending 22 years as a Headteacher.

Under his leadership, Bob's first school won *Surrey School of the Year* – from a low start point, and he finished his career with another of his schools named in the top 100 schools in the country for two years running for outcomes. He won *Southeast Region Headteacher of the Year* in the *National Teaching awards 2000* and has been a national judge for the same body since 2003.

If asked about his career, he always proudly explains that his most significant success was creating schools where staff felt energised and trusted, where students fulfilled their potential and engaged fully with an inspiring curriculum, the school was at the heart of the community, and where relationships across the school flourished.

Bob is married to Gill (who worked in a secondary school). The children, India, Georgia and Guy have long since left home, and all are now leading independent lives with children of their own.

Bob currently works as an educational consultant and thoroughly enjoys coaching and working with the next generation of educators across a range of schools up and down the country. He also works as a trainer in a variety of areas; a role he finds immensely satisfying, especially in the field of Behaviour Management. He has recently co-written and published a book *Educaveman* which has been well received by many.