

Pam Jones

Pam Jones was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, June 2014, in recognition of services to education.

Pam was a student at Dartford between 1972 and 1975. She commenced her career in Sevenoaks as a PE teacher. Having raised a family of three children with Terry, she then focused on special educational needs education, including teaching pupils with visual impairments. She was appointed headteacher at Ifield School in 2004, which was judged outstanding in 2008 and 2012. Pam was subsequently recognised as a National Leader of Education.

Pam's work included the Socrates project, in collaboration with schools in both Germany and Sweden. This led to Ifield School being recognised as an outstanding international school. Pam was invited by KCC to visit America and Sweden to inform the *Building Schools for the Future* project. She was recognised by Canterbury Christchurch University as an honorary fellow in 2015.

Pam was the founder member and chair of the Kent Association of special schools and KSENT (Kent Special Educational Needs Trust), a formal collaboration of 24 special schools in Kent with strong associations in the south of England. She was nominated as chair of the Kent Association of Headteachers and led this group through an important stage in its development as the voice for 600 schools.