



**Brigadier D J Eastman MBE BEng(Hons) MSc CEng FiMechE**

**Vice Chair of the Board of Governors**

Brigadier David Eastman commissioned into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1989. He has served in Hong Kong, Nepal, Germany, the Falkland Islands and across the UK, and has deployed on operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan twice. He was made an MBE following the first UK deployment to Helmand in 2006, during which he was employed as the Deputy Chief of Staff, 16 Air Assault Brigade.

Brigadier Eastman has served with a wide variety of field force units, among which he commanded 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers Light Aid Detachment REME, 5 Regiment Army Air Corps Workshop REME, and 2 Close Support Battalion REME. Whilst commanding his battalion he also led the first CSS Battle Group on Exercise PRAIRIE THUNDER. At staff he has worked in HQ ARRC, HQ British Forces Falkland Islands, and as a Military Assistant twice, first as a Major supporting a German 4-star General commanding a NATO Headquarters, and then as a Lieutenant Colonel supporting the Assistant Chief of the General Staff. He was the media spokesman for 16 Air Assault Brigade during Op HERRICK 13, the lead planner for the redeployment of British Forces from Afghanistan whilst serving at the Permanent Joint Headquarters in Northwood, and was responsible for Force Development across Defence within the MoD in preparation for the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review. He has completed Higher Command and Staff Course and is currently commanding 102 Logistic Brigade, headquartered in Grantham.

Brigadier Eastman is married to Corina and has four young children. He is an avid musician and rugby player/coach, but recently turned to the dark side qualifying as a referee.