

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

Introduction

AKS Lytham is part of United Learning, which comprises UCST and ULT with respective responsibility for independent schools and academies. United Church Schools Trust is governed by the UCST Charity Board. Each UCST school has its own Local Governing Body (LGB).

What does the Local Governing Body do?

As a single charity, the UCST Board is ultimately accountable for all statutory functions. The LGB acts on behalf of the Charity Board at local level and so, although not accountable for statutory functions, is responsible for ensuring that the school operates effectively in line with the vision set out by the Charity Board.

The Headmaster and the senior leadership team, who attend all LGB meetings, are responsible for the management and performance of the school.

The role of the LGB is to understand, advise, challenge, support and enable the school to be outstanding and to deliver the aims of the charity: “the Best in Everyone”. It does this through being proactively engaged with the school and:

Acting as a ‘critical friend’ to the school by monitoring, evaluating, supporting and challenging the performance and progress of the school, in order to ensure the delivery of educational excellence.

Working with the school to create and further develop policies and procedures, ensuring their implementation in order to meet statutory requirements and to further increase the pace of the school’s development and improvement.

Fulfilling an outward facing role utilising its collective skills to promote the school in the local community.

The specific role and responsibilities of the UCST Board and the LGB are detailed in the ‘United Learning LGB Handbook’, of which each member of LGB has a personal copy.

Of the 17 LGB members, plus the 5 WSLT, most are current or former parents or grandparents of pupils at the school.

What are the Local Governing Body sub-committees?

The LGB has the following sub-committees:

- Education and Welfare (Senior School and Junior School/EYFS)
- Finance
- Health and Safety
- Heritage
- Marketing and Strategy
- Nominations
- Building & Facilities
- Risk Management

How are the members of the LGB involved in the school?

There is an annual schedule of full LGB meetings and sub-committee meetings, which include respective reports, updates and discussions of school business and implementation of procedures.

Each member of the LGB has an allocated responsibility for specific regulatory policies, working alongside the WSLT to provide additional support, advice and ratification whenever a policy is reviewed or updated. This process complements the work of the United Learning Compliance Office, which circulates regular compliance updates as required.

Each member of the LGB is affiliated with a specific area of the school, either academic or pastoral, and by mutual arrangement with the appropriate member of staff commits to at least 1 termly visit. Such visits include one or more from the following:

- Attend a scheduled meeting
- Watch some teaching and learning
- Be present and visible at a particular formal or informal event in that area
- Be present and visible at a parents' evening
- Attend an assembly and maybe hand out some awards

The purpose of the visit is to help all LGB members be sufficiently aware of the day-to-day workings of the school, as well as provide staff with a direct point of contact and support on the LGB. Each term, all LGB members send the Chair a brief statement of what their involvement has been, together with any opinion, comment or suggestions, as applicable.

Members of our LGB

Philip Owen ACIB – Chair of Governors

Mr Owen became Chair of Governors in September 2019 having been Vice Chair for the last 2 years and Chair of the Finance Committee for the last 10 years. He was educated at Arnold between 1970-81 and has lived and worked on the Fylde Coast. Mr Owen worked for Barclays Bank for 36 years latterly being their Corporate Relationship Director for the Fylde Coast. He currently holds a number of non-executive and consultancy roles with local businesses as well as serving on several charitable boards.

Marjorie Towers LLB: Deputy Chair of Governors

Mrs Towers was educated at The Park School, Preston and subsequently read Law at Queen Mary College, University of London. Following qualification as a solicitor, she worked in private practice until the birth of her first child. Since then she has been actively engaged in the family farming business. Mrs Towers has been involved in school governing for many years, both with the Lytham Schools and with the local Church of England Primary School where she is Chair of Governors. She was appointed to the Board of United Church Schools Trust (UCST) in December 2011.

David Stanhope FCCA – Vice Chair of Governors

Mr Stanhope was educated at Fleetwood Grammar School and has lived almost all of his life on the Fylde Coast. Having initially trained at a local accountancy firm, David is a fully qualified accountant and served 10 years as Financial Director of the local convenience store chain, Healds Day and Nite, from 1990-2000, before becoming CEO of Voiteq, a multinational technology business headquartered in Blackpool.

Professor StJohn Crean

BDS MBBS FDSRCS FFGDP (UK) FDS RCPS (Glas) FRCS FRCS (OMFS) PhD PGCertMed Ed (Camb) FHEA

Pro Vice Chancellor – Clinical and Health

Professor of Medicine in Dentistry

Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

StJohn was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Clinical and Health) in August 2017, prior to which he held the post of Executive Dean of Faculty of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), following previous posts of Director of Dental Research and Knowledge Transfer from October 2009, Dean of the School of Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education in Jan 2010.

He is also an Honorary Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Blackpool Victoria Hospitals Trust and at University of Morecambe Bay Hospitals Foundation Trust. He gained both his UG degrees in Dentistry and Medicine and his PhD at UCL. He also underwent general surgery training in London and Home counties before completing his Oral and Maxillofacial Specialist Training back at UCL (Eastman Oral Health Sciences). He held SL posts in Cardiff before taking up Chair of OMFS at Bart's and the London. He then undertook posts of Associate Director of Undergraduate Dental Studies and Year 3 Lead at Peninsula Dental School.

Stjohn is currently the Robert Bradlaw advisor in the Faculty of Dental Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Editor in Chief of the Faculty Dental Journal (FDJ). He has held the post of President of the Northwest Branch of the British Dental Association as well as Chairman of the Fylde Section

StJohn holds numerous examiner-ships at home and abroad advising on the establishment of many dental undergraduate and postgraduate courses and has research interests in

safely managing medicalised patients in dentistry and exploring the role of oral bacteria in systemic disease with a focus on neurodegenerative issues such as Alzheimer's disease.

Catherine Dineley, BA, (Hons)

Catherine attended St Bede's School, Lytham and Arnold School, Blackpool prior to studying English at Manchester Metropolitan University. Catherine moved to London and worked at PWC as a management consultant specialising in Oil and Gas. She moved from consultancy to industry and worked at BP until 2016. During this time Catherine worked across the BP group, in multiple locations across the globe and from 2010 led a significant part of the cultural transformation of BP following the Gulf of Mexico spill. Catherine moved industries in 2016 into financial services and is currently the Head of Group Culture at Lloyd's Banking Group.

Mr S J Duthie FRCOG

Mr Duthie grew up in Hong Kong and attended the Island School which is a private school run by the English Schools Foundation. After A 'Levels Mr Duthie studied Medicine at the University of Liverpool as an undergraduate, won the Augusta Lipkin Prize in Biochemistry, completed all clinical clerkships and examinations successfully and then graduated as a doctor.

Then, Dr Duthie specialised in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, became a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists by examination and a Fellow by election. Currently, Mr Duthie works for Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, is an Examiner for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and teaches voluntarily in other countries that want to emulate the National Health Service and British values in healthcare.

Mr Duthie has 3 older children who studied at Arnold School and who are now highly successful in the digital media and electronics industries in Great Britain and his youngest son is studying at Arnold-Ling Edward School.

Zoe Fleming LLB, TEP

Mrs Fleming was educated at Queen Mary School, Lytham. She subsequently read Law at the University of Manchester and completed the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in Chester followed by a training contract with Halliwells Solicitors in Manchester. After the birth of her daughter, accepted a post locally and has practiced in Lytham ever since. She specialises in private client work and is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. She has a keen interest in furthering the education and safe practice amongst practitioners and sits on the Lancashire Committee of Solicitors for the Elderly. Mrs Fleming is a specialist advisor to Age UK Lancashire and sits on their marketing committee. In her role as Head of Wills, Probate and Trusts at Marsden Rawsthorn solicitors, Zoe has the responsibility of marketing and developing the department and as team lead for the governance, training and compliance of the team.

Lucie Grant LLB

Lucie was educated at Norwich High School for Girls and Arnold School, Blackpool and subsequently read Law at King's College, London. Following a period of travel and living

abroad, Lucie qualified as a solicitor with Cobbetts Solicitors in Manchester and then moved into in house legal roles with United Utilities and BAE Systems Saudi Arabia, specializing in infrastructure outsourcing and anti-corruption compliance. Lucie is currently Legal Director for the UK and Ireland for Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc, the world's biggest life sciences company.

Anthony Hoskisson Dip PFS Cert PFS (MP&ER)

Mr Hoskisson was born on the Fylde coast and attended both Arnold Junior & Senior School. Anthony has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Old Arnoldians for over 15 years, having been President in 2000 - 2001 and is currently Chairman. Anthony has worked in the Financial Services sector for the last 25 years and is currently the Managing Director of Questa Chartered.

Andy Iredale BA MCIM

Mr Iredale was educated locally and subsequently obtained a BA (Hons) in Theatre Arts from Bretton Hall (Leeds University). A career in acting provided a firm foundation for a switch to creative advertising agencies in London and Leeds where post-graduate marketing qualifications from the University of Leeds were supported. Mr Iredale has managed and taught marketing within the school, college and university sector for 20 years.

Helen Lucking LLB

Mrs Lucking attended Arnold School Blackpool between 1980 and 1987. She went on to read law at Nottingham University before studying at Chester Law College. On returning to the area she began her training as a solicitor. Helen specialises in family law and was appointed to the Law Society's Children Panel in 1999. She works locally for Napthens Solicitors where she became a partner in 2005. At Napthens she also has responsibility for the recruitment of the trainee solicitors to the firm, a job which she finds interesting and very rewarding. She has been appointed to sit on the Education and Welfare and the Buildings and Facilities sub-committees of the local governing body.

Rev'd David Lyon

Reverend Lyon was educated at Stretford Grammar School for Boys, 1966-73. He qualified as a teacher in 1976 after studying at Alsager College of Education, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1987. Having attended the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, he came to the Blackburn Dioceses in 1991 as Team Vicar in the Accrington Team Ministry, and later became Team Rector; the Team Parish for which he was responsible comprised six churches and six Church of England Schools. He became Vicar of St Anne's Parish Church in February 2010.

Steve McNicholas

After a successful career focused on banking and private equity, Steve formed his own consulting practice early in 2018 helping individual clients, SMEs as well as large corporates, understand and then apply the critical sequencing and component steps to 'success'. Steve has written two best-selling books on the subject of success and achievement and is a keynote speaker and strategic adviser to several clients, both in the UK and globally. He also currently holds a number of non-executive and chair roles and has two children at the school, in year 7 and year 10.

Gary Melling BSc (Hons) MRICS MFPWS

Gary was born in Blackpool and grew up in Lytham attending firstly Headroomgate Preparatory School, St. Annes before moving on to King Edward VII School between 1986 and 1997. From this he went on to obtain a BSc (Hons) in Building Surveying at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Following University Gary worked for a number of surveying and property firms in London and Manchester, including becoming a Chartered Building Surveyor at Baily Garner LLP in 2002. In 2009, Gary co-founded the firm Jones Melling Ltd. headquartered now in Preston, delivering specialist consultancy services in the fields of Building Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Project Management and Asbestos across all sectors in the UK and Europe from private individuals to multi-national firms.

Gary has 2 children who both attend AKS and thus occupy a lot of his time outside of the business environment, along with being a coach and team manager within the mini/juniors at Fylde RUFC

Michael Muschamp FCA MEWI

Michael was educated at Berkhamsted School Hertfordshire until his family relocated to Lytham St Anne's in 1969. Michael then attended KES for two years.

After four years training Michael qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1975.

Apart from 3 years in industry, he has worked in public practice, from 1984 to 31st January 2019 as Partner/Owner Director.

Michael was a Governor of Arnold from 1997 to 2017 and a Trustee of Blackpool Grand Theatre from 2009 to 2016.

He is currently a Trustee of three local charities and non-executive Chairman of a carpet manufacturing group in Rochdale

Luke Smith MSc

Mr Smith was educated at King Edward VII School. He attended Loughborough University where he read Human Biology. After completing a Diploma in Physiotherapy from Salford University, he went on to gain an MSc in Sports Physiotherapy from Manchester Metropolitan University. Luke is a Clinical Director of Grant Smith Physiotherapy in Lytham St Annes. He has attended the Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games as HQ physiotherapist for Team GB, as well as the Commonwealth Games in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Luke was a volunteer physiotherapist at the London 2012 Olympic Games.