

HOLYWELL ACADEMY FULL GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

This table has been updated following a meeting with Belinda Copson, Diocesan Governance Officer, on 8th May 2019, in which the Academy's 2012 Articles of Association were clarified.

The attached **Advisory Note** was produced by Belinda after the meeting to help interpret the Articles, particularly around the role of the Members and the role of the 2 Parochial Church Councils (Cranfield PCC and Wootton PCC).

MEMBERS (3 CORPORATE AND 1 EX-OFFICIO)

	Name <i>Positions held 2020/21</i>	Status	GIAS listed as	Companies House listed as	Appointed by	Date appointed	Date Ends
1 PSC	DSAET representative (usually David Morton)	Corporate Member on behalf of the Diocese of St Albans Educational Trust	Corporate Member Original signatory		Original signatory	N/A	N/A
2 PSC	Wootton PCC representative (usually Peter Ackroyd - not also a Trustee) <i>(previously was noted in this doc as Martin Sanders, Foundation Governor WPCC, as he was Wootton PCC's representative in this role, now replaced by Peter Ackroyd Vicar of Wootton Church)</i>	Corporate Member on behalf of Wootton PCC	Corporate Member Original signatory		Original signatory	N/A	N/A
2 PSC	Cranfield PCC representative (likely to remain as the Incumbent of Cranfield Church - Isaac Pain – new appointment from Dec 2020 - who is also a Trustee ex-officio) <i>Previously Hugh Symes-Thompson - Incumbent at Cranfield Church resigned July 2019</i>	Corporate Member on behalf of Cranfield PCC	Corporate Member Original signatory		Original signatory	N/A	N/A
		Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Ex-officio as Incumbent <i>(Article 12)</i>	N/A	N/A
4 PSC	Pauline Kendall <i>Chair of Governors 2020/21</i>	Member	Member		Ex-officio as Chair of Governors	01/09/20	31/08/21
		Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC	01/10/18	30/09/22

PSC Persons with Significant Control

Voting entitlement in Full Governing Board meetings – Directors only

Voting in AGMs – Members only

DIRECTORS (GOVERNORS/TRUSTEES)

	Name <i>Positions held 2020/21</i>	Status	GIAS listed as	Companies House listed as	Appointed by	Date appointed	Date Ends
1	Simon Hubbard <i>Sue Abood moved to CPCC role from 01/04/2020</i> <i>Kam Bains resigned 03/02/20</i> <i>Only replacing 1 as 3 parent governors in total weakens required PCC majority</i>	Parent Governor	Trustee	Director	Parents	21/10/20	20/10/24
2	Toni Powell <i>Antony Aldridge resigned 25/11/20</i>	Parent Governor	Trustee	Director	Parents	10/12/20	09/12/24
3	Michael Simpson	Head Teacher Governor	Trustee	Director	Ex-officio as Head Teacher	N/A	N/A
4	James Ulph	Teaching Staff Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member	26/11/18	25/11/22
5	Sarah Stephenson <i>New appointment. Lynn Collins's term of office ended 30/09/20</i>	Non-teaching Staff Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member	01/10/20	30/09/24
6 PSC	Isaac Pain New rector at Cranfield Church from Dec 2020, joins this Board ex-officio as Incumbent in due course <i>Hugh Symes-Thompson - Incumbent at Cranfield Church resigned July 2019</i>	Corporate Member on behalf of Cranfield PCC	Member	Director	Corporate Members and Member	N/A	N/A
		Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Ex-officio as Incumbent <i>(Article 50)</i>	N/A	N/A
7	Vacant <i>Rachel Bacon resigned 05/03/2020</i>	Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Cranfeld PCC		
8	Vacant <i>Emma Butterwick resigned 28/09/2020</i>	Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Cranfeld PCC		
9	Sue Abood <i>Previously Sue was parent governor 10/12/18 to 31/03/20</i> <i>Steve Apted resigned 31/08/2019</i>	Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Cranfeld PCC	01/04/20	31/03/24
10	Sara Jenkins	Cranfield PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Cranfeld PCC	01/04/20	31/03/24

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11	Martin Sanders <i>Vice Chair of Governors</i> <i>Chair of Curriculum Committee</i>	Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC	01/10/20	30/09/24
12	Vacant <i>JoJo Ackroyd resigned 31/08/2019</i>	Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC		
13	Fiona Frossell <i>John Spelman resigned May 2017</i>	Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC	01/09/19	31/08/23
14 PSC	Pauline Kendall <i>Chair of Governors</i> <i>Chair of Full Governors Board</i> <i>Chair of Strategy Group</i>	Ex-officio Member	Member	Director	Ex-officio as Chair of Governors	01/09/20	31/08/21
		Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC	01/10/18	30/09/22
15	Isabel Turner <i>Chair of Ethos and Pastoral Care Committee</i>	Wootton PCC Foundation Governor	Trustee	Director	Corporate Members and Member, with informal advice from Wootton PCC	01/10/20	30/09/24
16	Angelina Smith	Clerk (from 29 April 2014) – employed by Holywell School					

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Foundation Governors (CPCC+WPCC) should always be in a majority of two (as per the footnote on page 20 of the Articles)

Quorum for a Full Governing Board meeting is 3 Directors

ASSOCIATE GOVERNORS (non-voting)

	Name <i>Positions held 2020/21</i>	Status	GIAS listed as	Companies House listed as	Appointed by	Date appointed	Date Ends
1	Alison Stewart <i>Returned from maternity leave Dec 2020</i>	Deputy Head	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21
2	Stephan Van der Merwe	Deputy Head	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21
3	Heather Donnellan	Assistant Head	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21
4	Jillian Davies	SENDCo and DSL	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21
5	Colleen Dinner	Business Manager	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21
6	Sarah Law	Finance Director	N/A	N/A	Full Governing Board	17/09/20	16/09/21

Associate Governors:

- do not have Director/Trustee status
- do not have voting entitlement at Full Governing Board meetings
- should not be counted in the quorum for Full Governing Board meetings which is 3 Directors
- are appointed annually by FGB at its first meeting of the academic year.

Holywell Church of England Academy: Advisory Note

This note has advisory status and should be read alongside the 2012 Academy Articles and the May 2019 list of Full Governing Board Members and Directors.

1. **Signatories to Articles:** The first page of the Articles confirms the signatories as the three Corporate Member representatives who are:
 - Representative of the Diocese of St Albans Educational Trust
 - Representative of Cranfield PCC
 - Representative of Wootton PCC

2. **Other Members:** The Chair of Governors (CoG) is an ex officio Member.

3. **Role of the two PCCs and appointment of foundation directors.** For Holywell Academy, as with any academy, directors (academy governors) are appointed by the Members. The Members for Holywell Academy comprise three Corporate Members (The Diocese of St Albans Educational Trust, Cranfield PCC, and Wootton PCC) alongside the CoG as an ex officio Member. Each PCC appoints a 'corporate member representative' and it is these individuals who together with the other Members formally appoint directors. Each PCC's formal involvement in appointing directors is through its corporate member representative who will carry out that task on their behalf. Informally, the PCC's collective advice as part of the overall director recruitment process is also warmly welcomed and encouraged. PCCs will often have a good idea of possible candidates for director roles and their interest and informal input is a valuable part of the process.

The Academy Articles for Holywell could be written more clearly in respect of the foundation directors; the only reference is a brief footnote on page 20. As a former VA school, Holywell's foundation directors should always be in a majority of two. In practice the two PCCs between them rightly ensure that their respective appointments collectively form that overall majority of two; so that whilst the wording of the Articles lacks clarity, local practice in this respect is good and appropriate.

4. **Cranfield parish's involvement:** The incumbent of Cranfield parish is an ex officio director on the Full Governing Board, as per article 50. At May 2019, the present incumbent is also Cranfield PCC's chosen corporate member representative hence has a dual role on the Full Governing Board.

5. **Wootton parish's involvement.** The incumbent of Wootton parish is not an ex officio director, and currently is not occupying the role of the PCC's corporate member representative. As at May 2019, Wootton PCC's

corporate member representative is a director appointed by Wootton PCC, and this individual thus also has a dual role on the Full Governing Board.

6. **Appointment of new Members:** Members appoint any additional members – this requires the agreement of members locally plus the written consent of the Board of Education.
7. **Appointment of new Directors:** This needs Member agreement including formal approval of the Diocese of St Albans Educational Trust (DSAET) as one of the corporate members. This does not apply to Parent Governors who are appointed by the Parents through an election process, as per articles 53-58.
8. **Appointment of any Associate roles:** This is for the full governing board to decide locally. Good practice would be to record the appointment in the minutes for a specified term of office – I suggest for a year at a time, reviewed annually. Anyone in an associate role should be appointed to bring specific skills/insights. These roles do not have Director/Trustee status nor do they have voting entitlement at full board meetings, nor should they be counted in the quorum for the meeting.
9. **Quorum:** This is inconsistently given as two or three within the articles. I suggest that two is probably an error and that in practice a quorum should be three to enable a majority vote should that be needed.
10. **Role of Members:** Members should attend an AGM each year and sign off the accounts. This includes the DSAET who as a corporate member must be invited to the AGM.
11. **Number of directors:** The full governing board is unusually large. If recruitment challenges make this unsustainable in future, as long as the foundation majority of 2 is maintained, overall numbers could be reduced within the parameters of the articles (for instance by a reduction in numbers of parent governors and/or co-opted governors). This is something for the full governing board to monitor over time.

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