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This email is sent to all members of the LASGB, covering information which we hope you will find of interest. Your comments on the contents of the email, or any other matters, will be very welcome. For more information about the LASGB please email johnmdavey@btinternet.com.

LASGB Autumn Mini-Conference

Date for your diary. The next LASGB Mini-Conference, “**A Broad and Balanced Curriculum**”, will be held at the Best Western Premier Hallmark Hotel Preston, Leyland, Leyland Way, Leyland, Preston PR25 4JX on 9th November at 18:30 for refreshments. The speaker will be **Gemma Whaling** who is currently a schools adviser in area east. She has been teaching since 1997 and was appointed headteacher of Marsden Primary in Nelson in 2009 at the tender age of 34. As with all our conferences, all governors from member governing bodies are welcome. Book your place early using this link [here](#).

Have you an idea for a mini-conference, is there something that you wish to discuss then please let us know [here](#).

23rd LASGB Annual Conference

Early notification of the 23rd LASGB Annual Conference to be held at the Best Western Premier Hallmark Hotel Preston, Leyland, Leyland Way, Leyland, Preston PR25 4JX on Saturday 10th May 2017. Registration from 9:00 with the conference starting at 9:30. The conference will end by 13:30.

Government drops Plan to Academise All Schools

The government has decided to drop a bill to convert all schools to academies, announced in the Queen's speech. In a written parliamentary statement education secretary, Justine Greening, said "Our ambition remains that all schools should benefit from the freedom and autonomy that academy status brings. Our focus, however, is on building capacity in the system and encouraging schools to convert voluntarily." Read the full article on the BBC news web site [here](#).

Coasting schools. The definition

The government have issued their definition of a coasting school which will be “eligible for intervention”. It is intended to “identify those schools which are failing to push every pupil to reach their potential”. The report, see link below, states “A coasting school is where data shows that, over a three year period, the school is failing to ensure that pupils reach their potential. A school will only be coasting if performance data falls below the coasting bar in all three previous years. Read [Intervening in failing, underperforming and coasting schools](#) to see the details and processes

LASGB Support for Governors

Please remember that LASGB is here to help you. If you have any concerns, require support, have a subject you would like us to bring to conference or the mini-conferences please don't hesitate to contact:- John Davey, chair; Chris McConnachie, vice-chair, or Bill Hodgson, president, using our corporate e-mail admin@lasgb.org.uk.



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