

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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**For Governors by Governors.**

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](mailto:johnmdavey@btinternet.com).

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## **LASGB Summer Workshop**

Date for your diary. The next LASGB workshop, “**A Broad and Balanced Curriculum KS3 & 4**”, will be held at the Dunkenthalge Hotel Blackburn Road - Clayton Le Moors Lancashire BB5 5JP Blackburn on 21st June at 18:30 for refreshments. The speaker will be Paul Dyson-Knight, Team Leader Secondary Advisors at LCC. Paul has done this presentation for us in the west of the county at the spring workshop and it was well received and very informative. As with all our conferences and workshops, all governors from member governing bodies are welcome. Book your free place early using this link, [click here](#) or reply to this e-mail. Although this is a secondary subject, it may be of value to primary governors to see how children are expected to develop post 11 and to primary governors who may be secondary in the future. Please remember to add any LASGB conferences and workshops to your training record. Have you an idea for a workshop, is there something that you wish to discuss then please let us know, [click here](#).

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## **23rd LASGB Annual Conference**

The LASGB 23rd Annual Conference was a very successful. Key note speaker was [Dr Christine Hough](#). Christine titled her presentation “**Life in the Inspection Pit – How to maintain our own schools**”. Dr Hough left the following message on the LASGB Facebook page “*Was delighted to give the Keynote at LASGB conference on Saturday. It was a great pleasure to meet and talk to people who work tirelessly for their schools - a privilege to be involved, thank you. Dr Chris Hough.*”. We would like to thank Dr Hough; Amanda Hatton, the LCC Director of Children’s Services; Ajay Sethi, LCC Head of Learning and Skills; Gill Cornwall, Service Delivery Manager, Health, Safety and Quality and Kevin Smith, Financial Advisor to the Schools’ Forum. Some of the presentations are attached to this e-mail. Provisional date for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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## **So, What is the Future of Education Now?**

The lack of a clear result in Thursday’s election puts the direction of government policy into question. What future for the national schools’ funding formula and grammar school education. These are both controversial policies. Although the DUP support selection there are doubters on the back benches

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## **OFSTED Questions**

LASGB are regularly asked if we can help with preparing for OFSTED. Know your school is important. We have been asked to help with potential questions that may come up in an inspection. Please find attached to this email a sample list of potential questions. Please note this is not an exhaustive. If you have had a recent inspection and you have a question that is not on this list please email the editor, [chris.mcconnachie@virgin.net](mailto:chris.mcconnachie@virgin.net).



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## **GEL is now Learning Link Training**

You may be aware that the NGA has taken over the hosting of the former GEL online governor training. If your school buys the training service from LCC then you can register to use Learning Link. Attached to this email are some instructions to register. Register at <https://nga.vc-enable.co.uk/Register>. If anyone has any difficulties with the registration process they can let Matthew Swann at NGA know, otherwise if you come across any problems whilst using the site you can contact the Learning Link support team on 01943 885095 or at [learnersupport@virtual-college.co.uk](mailto:learnersupport@virtual-college.co.uk).

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## **LASGB Governance Awards**

Nominations are now open for the 2018 awards and we look forward to hearing from you about the amazing things that governors do supporting the children and young people in Lancashire schools and academies.

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## **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](mailto:admin@lasgb.org.uk).

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