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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.

It is with sadness that we inform you of the unexpected death of Ruth Pollock, a long-time member of the LASGB Executive. Mrs. Pollock had been a School Governor for many years, and has Chaired Governing Bodies at two schools in Upholland. Our condolences have been expressed to her family.

LASGB Autumn Workshop

Date for your diary. The next LASGB workshop, "Safeguarding! It's every Governors responsibility", will be held at the Tickled Trout Hotel, Preston New Rd, Samlesbury, Preston PR5 0UJ on *Thursday* 23rd November at 18:30 for refreshments. The speaker will be **Janet Crossley, Safeguarding & Prevent Manager** at Burnley College. This is not the first time we have focused on Safeguarding but it is both important and topical. To book your place [click here](#) or reply to this e-mail. Our workshops are generally well supported and are designed to be interactive. We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you. Have you an idea for a workshop, is there something that you wish to discuss then please let us know, [click here](#).

LASGB Special & Short Stay School Conference

Date for your diary. Wednesday 22nd November commencing at 6.30pm. This event will be held at the Sir Tom Finney Special School in Preston. Ajay Seth, Head of Learning Skills (Start Well) for Lancashire will be giving a presentation. Will Gale, Special Schools Advisor, will also be in attendance and will give an update on Special and Short Stay Schools. To book your place [click here](#).

2017 LASGB Annual General Meeting

The LASGB Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tickled Trout Hotel, Preston New Rd, Samlesbury, Preston PR5 0UJ on Saturday 18th November at 09:30. The association depends on the support of its members and the AGM is the meeting that guides the executive.

24th LASGB Annual Conference

Planning for the LASGB 24th Annual Conference has already started. It will be held on Saturday 20th May 2018. If you have attended a governance event where you have seen an interesting speaker or if you have any suggestions for subjects please contact the [editor here](#). With many local authorities losing their governor services and governor associations the executive of the LASGB would like to thank you all for your support that means the LASGB is such a successful and respected association.

Head Teachers Appraisal a Target Setting

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The process of appraisal and target setting has followed a particular time table in that teacher targets were set by 31st October and head teachers by 31st December. At the recent NGA conference in Manchester the question was asked when do you do the appraisal? 80% of schools still follow this timetable. There are some issues that we would like to highlight. First is there an issue setting the head's objectives after the teachers'. Should the head's objectives not influence those of the staff? If you set the head's objectives when you are almost half way through the school year. Food for thought. Comments to the [editor here](#).



Fischer Family Trust

On the 31st July RAISEonline was switched off. The DfE has introduced a slimmed down replacement service - Analyse School Performance (ASP). Fischer Family trust have developed a web-based tool called FFTAspire to plug the gap left by the loss of RAISEonline. Ask your headteacher or principal for access to your school's FFTAspire.

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 a 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.

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.

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.

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.

Any one for the e-newsletter

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