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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 loss of another member of the LASGB executive death of Roger Sherlock, a long-time member of the LASGB Executive. Mr. Sherlock had been a School Governor for many years and has was Mayor of Lancaster 2009-2010. Our condolences have been expressed to his family.

LASGB Autumn Workshop

Date for your diary. The next LASGB workshop, **GDPR, A Practitioners Perspective** will be held at the Ticked Trout Hotel, Preston New Rd, Samlesbury, Preston PR5 0UJ on **Wednesday** 2nd March at 18:30 for refreshments. The General Data Protection Regulation comes into force on **25 May 2018** and replaces the current Data Protection legislation. This is a workshop where we will share a practitioner's experience of the preparation required for this important legislation. Remember all LASGB workshops should be recorded on 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](#).

24th LASGB Annual Conference

The LASGB 24th Annual Conference, ***School. A safe place to nurture and develop our Children***, will be held on Saturday 19th 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.

New year, New Secretary of State

The Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP was appointed Secretary of State in January. A former grammar school boy from Altrincham, Damian has had various roles in government including being a whip and a minister of state at the DWP. 10th March 2018 saw Damian address the ASCL conference. A major part of this speech related to the perennial issue of teachers' workload, hands up if you remember the 24 tasks. He also stated ***".... I recognise that you now need a period of greater stability. That is why – beyond those changes already announced and which are working their way through the system – apart from those, for the rest of this parliament there will be:***

- ***No new additional statutory tests or assessment for primary schools;***
- ***No further changes to the national curriculum; and***
- ***No more reform of GCSEs and A levels."***

Comments to the [editor here](#). See the full speech [here](#)



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OFSTED

Have you had a recent OFSTED inspection? What was your experience like? LASGB has been approached by schools who have had recent inspections in Lancashire. Words like aggressive and robust have been used. If you have any comments on a recent inspection contact the editor at chris@lasgb.org.uk.

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 .

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.

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.

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