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Everyone at the LASGB would live to wish all our members, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope you will be able to enjoy the festive period and stay safe.

This is our first newsletter for a few months, and we are planning a more regular issue from 2021. We also update our website on a regular basis with any relevant information.

We will be planning a **Special Schools Workshop** for April/May 2021 and more details of that will be published in the January issue and on the LASGB website.

We are always looking for members to join the executive committee of the LASGB, and work with us to help shape the valuable work we do for all our member schools. If you are interested, please email us admin@lasgb.org.uk.

LASGB Statement on the Black Lives Matter Agenda

Recent worldwide events are painful reminders of the injustice that exists in society today. Too many members of the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community suffer unfair discrimination because of the colour of their skin, their race, their heritage, or their circumstances

The LASGB Executive committee recognises the crucial role that education plays in challenging prejudice and racism, both overt and covert, which impacts upon the aspirations and life chances of many of the pupils in our schools.

The LASGB seeks to work with school governors and other members of the school community to:

- Support national initiatives such as those being promoted by the NGA and organisations such as BAMEd
- promote wider representation of the BAME Community on governing boards.
- provide opportunities for delegates at our events to consider how topics discussed relate to the Equalities Duty placed upon school governing boards.
- raise awareness of the inequalities facing the BAME community within our schools and consider ways in which governing boards might begin to address these through policy, discussion, and training.

Emma Knights' NGA blog on this subject (with a link to the BAMEd network) can be found at:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/News/Blog/September-2020/Race-diversity-on-boards-our-commitments-to-action.aspx>



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Training Issues: One possible solution

It is often difficult for governors to find the time each term to attend training sessions, but our governing boards need to stay up to date and informed.

One possible way forward is via the use of 7-minute briefings at each full board meeting. It is a focussed way of informing governors through a short, punchy bitesize information sheet. Originally used by the FBI, most of our local authority safeguarding boards have adopted this method as a way of imparting knowledge on key issues of safeguarding. There are many examples that we, as training governors, can use as they stand. Lancashire versions can be found at:

<https://lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/learning-development/7-minute-briefings/>

but governors can also use the 7-minute format to write their own. Penwortham Girls' High School have adopted this method of bitesize training and deliver a 7-minute briefing at the start of each full governing board meeting.

Copies of their own versions on relevant current topics will be posted to our LASGB website termly for members to use also.

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