



Cardinal Newman Catholic School Local Academy Committee

Committee Member	About this committee member
	Fiona Traynor-Bucknall became the Chair of the Local Academy Committee in March 2020. Prior to that she had been involved with the LAC for two years. Fiona is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Consultant by profession. In her professional life she has worked in the pharmaceutical industry prior to moving into management consultancy where she has worked across the globe and in many organisations driving change.
Fiona Traynor-Bucknall Chair	Fiona joined the LAC as she wants to have a role in assisting children to reach their full potential. She feels this can be achieved by working closely with the school to help it to be the best it can be.
	Fiona is the link governor for Catholic Life, Teaching & Learning and Technology & Remote Learning.
	Anthony Bewley was asked to consider being a Foundation Governor for Cardinal Newman School by the Episcopal Vicar for Education in 2011 and is the Vice-Chair. He is married with two grown-up mixed-race children and is of Portuguese and English heritage. Anthony is committed to fostering the diversity in our schools and is enthusiastic about what Cardinal Neman is achieving and will achieve in the future.
Anthony Bewley Vice Chair	Anthony works for an international organisation for cultural relationships and educational opportunities. His experience in business analysis, process improvement and change management, allows him to add value in his role as governor.
	His interests include hiking, cooking, writing, reading, music, and film and he enjoys keeping fit through running and working out.
	Anthony is passionate about education and for every child to have access to opportunities helping them to become the best version of themselves. During his time as a governor he has worked hard to ensure these principles are a thread for all decision making.
	Anthony is the link governor for Health & Safety.

Dee Drennan Foundation Representative

Dee Drennan is the parent of a child at Cardinal Newman and an older child that has just graduated from University having been through CNS and N6.

Dee has been a Governor at Cardinal Newman for quite a few years and has enjoyed being able to give something back to the school community in this way.

Dee successfully worked with Jane Crow and Joe Richardson in the past and is very happy to work alongside Andrew Bull and his team fulfilling the school's vision and drive.

Dee is the School's named Safeguarding Governor and undertakes training and auditing to fulfil this role. Dee is also the link Governor the SEND Dept.



Noelette Hanley is the Chief Officer of a local community charity and became a Governor at Cardinal Newman in September 2016. Noelette brings 14 years' experience of working with and for communities in Luton, overseeing the delivery of welfare, social, cultural and volunteering support to diverse and vulnerable groups such as Irish, Irish Traveller, people with learning disabilities and other communities.

Noelette Hanley Foundation Representative Noelette finds the most rewarding aspect of this role is having the opportunity to contribute to the quality of education of the students, and therefore their opportunities, to reach their full potential.

Noelette is the link Governor for Staff Welfare and Student Behaviour and Welfare.



Helen Mellars is the most recent appointment to the Local Academy Committee and brings a background in commercial operations with senior roles in fashion, cosmetics and currently pharmaceuticals.

Helen Mellars Foundation Representative Helen is no stranger to CNS having attended the school herself and now has a daughter in the school and a son in St Joseph's who is hoping to follow on to CNS.

Helen's decision to become a Governor was based on the desire to give back to a school that provided an excellent education and foundation to her and now her children - she firmly believes that it's important that, as parents, we support the school and also provide challenge when necessary, all with the view to continue to make the school better and better.

Helen is the link Governor for Careers (CEIAG) and is looking forward to working with the school leavers to help them take their first steps into their chosen careers.



Jeanette Corrigan joined the CNS community in September 2015 when her daughter joined the school in year 7 and took on the role of Parent Governor on the LAC in February 2019.

Jeanette Corrigan Parent Representative

Originally from a performing arts background Jeanette has spent the last 23 years working in a variety of roles in the aviation industry. Starting off in customer facing positions, progressing to training Safety and Emergency Procedures and First Aid before specialising in crew regulatory compliance.



Amina Uddin Parent Representative

Amina Uddin was appointed as Parent Representative in December 2020 and has a daughter who attends Cardinal Newman. Amina has three children and lives in Luton.

Amina has a Project Management background and currently works within Academic Operations at the University of Bedfordshire and has over fifteen years' experience working in the Education sector. Amina has recently obtained a Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies.

Amina has previously held the role of Chair of Governors within a primary school in Luton and is keen to use her skills to support the School as much as possible, ensuring that it continues to provide an inclusive, safe and supportive learning environment for all children.



Graham Upperton Additional Representative

Graham Upperton is an Additional Representative on the Local Academy Committee, having completed four years as a Governor at Bramingham Primary School, from which he left as Vice-Chair.

Graham is married to a Polish national and has two sons, one of whom is a student at CNS the other an undergraduate at UCL.

Having worked in a commercial banking environment for more than thirty years, Graham is well equipped for the varied tasks and thinking that the Governing Body requires; ensuring fairness and equality for all being a core belief.

Graham's interests include military history, autobiographies and contemporary classical music.'