

Mater Christi Directors

The Trust has 6 Catholic Directors

Name	Appointment Date and Term of Office (All directors appointed by the Diocese)	Committees	Occupation	Profile Summary
Professor Keith Hanley	Term of office from 12 Sep 2023 to 11 Sep 2027 First appointed on 12 Sep 2023	Vision and Development	Professor Emeritus at Lancaster University	Prof. Hanley founded and directed two research centres, on Wordsworth and Ruskin, at Lancaster University, and he has held posts at a number of other universities, including Notre Dame, Indiana. He has been a governor of two independent Catholic schools, a trustee of the Catholic National Library, and Master of the Guild of NW Catholic Writers. He was a member of the executive board of the American organisation, INCS, and researches and writes on Literature and Religion.
Elizabeth Mallinson (Chair)	Term of office from 25 Jul 2023 to 24 Jul 2027 First appointed on 25 Jul 2023	Finance and Staffing, Audit, Growth	Former Local Councillor	Mrs Mallinson was a local councillor for many years, serving in key roles, including Chair of Cumbria County Council and Cabinet Member for Organisational Development. She is a champion for children in care.
Simon Clarkson	Term of office from 3 Sep 2024 to 3 Sep 2025 First appointed on 3 Sep 2024	Finance, Staffing and Audit, Pay	Counter Fraud Specialist	Mr. Clarkson has had a long career in fraud and crime management, including work as a police officer and involvement in national crime initiatives. He has expertise in risk management and equal opportunities.
Joan Hadley (Director of Safeguarding)	Term of office from 11 Sep 2024 to 10 Sep 2028 First appointed on 11 Sep 2024	Standards and Intervention, Vision and Development, Pay	Retired	Joan has served as a school governor for many years, including as a Chair of Governors for the St Ninian Federation for over 18 years.
Hannah Dolan	Term of office from 17 July 2025 to 16 July 2029 First appointed on 21 July 2025	TBC	Senior Manager	Hannah Dolan graduated from Aberdeen University in 2008 with an MA in Music and Divinity. She had spent 13 years between 2010- 2023 working as Chief of Staff for various Members of Parliament between Westminster and their constituencies in the North. Hannah joined the Advocacy and Alliances team at Nexperia in 2023. Her role in the UK includes working with government, politicians and industry peers on topical issues in semiconductor industry. She is strong supporter of building relationships between educators and industry, especially in STEM related sectors.
Fran Wygladala (Ex Officio)	Term of office from 14 July 2025 to 13 July 2029 First appointed on 14 July 2025	TBC	Governance and Leadership Adviser	
Robert Hannaford	Term of office from 18 Feb 2025 to 18 Feb 2028 First appointed on 18 Feb 2025	Growth Vision and Development	Retired	Robert studied at Exeter University and graduated with a Bachelor of Education. After university he became the University Chaplain while teaching philosophy and theology. He later moved onto teach at a Seminary before moving to Oxford University to teach Christian Doctrine. After that he became a full time academic at Canterbury University and then moved on to become Head of Theology and RE at St Martin's University. He was part of the team who founded the University of Cumbria and then developed his role to chair the Quality and Standards Committee to ensure the highest standards were achieved at a range of universities. He later became an Anglican Priest, and served in St John's Church in Workington. He is an experienced school governor and until recently was the Chairman of the Board of Cumbria Christian Learning.

Previous Directors

Name	Resignation Date	Committee	Occupation	Profile Summary
Mrs Ann Marie Pinguey	First appointed on 17/3/2021. End of Term 16/3/2025	Finance and Staffing, Audit	Management Accountant	Mrs. Pinguey is an experienced management accountant who has worked in various sectors, including education. She has four years of experience as a school bursar and recent experience working for an Academy Trust.
Mr John Murray	First appointed on 17/3/2021 2021. End of Term 16/3/2025	Standards and Intervention, Growth, Pay	Headteacher (Retired), The Catholic High School, Chester	Mr. Murray led a secondary school for over 15 years and helped set up a Multi Academy Trust. He has also served as a Governor and Chair of a hospital school. An active member of the Mountain Rescue Team in Cumbria and a recently elected local councillor for Westmorland and Furness.
Mr Paul Douglas Lovell	First appointed on 17/3/2021. Resignation 04/12/2024	Development and Ethos	School Buildings Surveyor, Diocese of Lancaster	Mr. Lovell oversees school estates and trustees' interests in the Diocese of Lancaster. He also has experience in Finance, Premises, HR, and H&S and serves as a primary school governor.
Mrs Bernadette Barnes	First appointed on 17/3/2021. Resignation 8/10/2024	Standards and Intervention	Headteacher (Retired), Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Barrow	Mrs. Barnes was the headteacher for 9 years and worked in various roles at Sacred Heart for 26 years.
Mrs Leigh Baumber	First appointed on 22/04/2025. Resignation 02/06/2025	Finance, Staffing and Audit	Strategy Director	Leigh is Strategy Director for a firm in Germany.
Father Luiz Ruscillo	First appointed on 17/3/2021. Resignation 04/7/2025	Vision and Development, Growth	Catholic Priest, Diocese of Lancaster	Fr. Ruscillo has served as a Parish Priest for 30 years in the Diocese of Lancaster and has held positions in the Diocese's Education Service, working extensively with primary and secondary schools.
Dr. Andy Johnson	First appointed on 15 Nov 2023. Resignation 5/7/2025	Curriculum and Standards	Part time Educational Consultant	Dr. Johnson has 37 years of experience in education, including roles as Director of Children's Services, an HMI with Ofsted, and a headteacher. He is a previous school governors.

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Director's Attendance 2024–2025

Name	Oct 2nd	4th Dec	5th Feb	2nd April	4th June	10th July
John Murray	Y	Y	Y	End of Term of Office		
Ann Pinguey	Apologies	Y	Y	End of Term of Office		
Fr Luiz Ruscillo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Apologies	Resigned
Elizabeth Anne Mallinson (Chair)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keith Hanley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andrew Johnson (Vice Chair)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Resigned
Joan Hadley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert Hannaford			Not yet in post	Y	Y	Y
Simon Clarkson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Finance, Staffing, and Audit

Name	27th Sept	4th Nov	29th Nov	24th Jan	7th Feb	28th Feb	21st March	4th July
Ann Pinguey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Term of Office ended	
Simon Clarkson (Chair)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Apologies	Y	Y	Y
Elizabeth Anne Mallinson	Y	Y	Apologies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andy Johnson						Not yet in post	Y	Apologies
Leigh Baumber							Not yet in post	Resigned 21/3/2025

Curriculum and Standards

Name	9th Sept	2nd Oct	22nd Jan	10th April	May 21st	9th July
John Murray	Y	Y	Y	End of Term of Office		
Joan Hadley	Not yet in post	Y	Y	Apologies	Apologies	
Andrew Johnson (Chair)	Apologies	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Liz Mallinson	Y	Y	Apologies	Y	Y	
Simon Clarkson					Y	

Catholic Life Committee

Name	10th Oct	9th Jan	12th June
Joan Hadley	Not yet in post	Y	Apologies
Fr Luiz Ruscillo (Chair)	Y	Y	Apologies
Keith Hanley	Y	Y	Y
John Murray	Y	N	Term of Office Ended 17/3/2025
Robert Hannaford	Not yet in post	Not yet in post	Apologies

Growth Committee

Name	5th Feb
John Murray (Chair)	Y
Fr Luiz Ruscillo	Y
Elizabeth Mallinson	Y
Keith Hanley	Y
Robert Hannaford	Not yet in post