Mater Christi Directors

Name	Appointment Date and Term of Office (All directors appointed by the Diocese)	Committees	Occupation	Profile Summary
Simon Clarkson	• Term of office from 3 Sept 2025 to 2 Sep 2028 • First appointed on 3 Sept 2024	• Pay • Finance & Resources (Chair)	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 3 Sep 2024 to 2 Sep 2028 • First appointed on 3 Sep 2024	• Curriculum & Standards • Catholic Life • Pay • Growth	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.
Fran Wygladala (Ex Officio)	• Term of office from 14 July 2025 to 13 July 2029 • First appointed on 14 July 2025		Governance and Leadership Adviser	
Chris McAree	• Term of office from 25 November 2025 to 24 November 2029 • First appointed on 04 September 2025 as an Associate Director	• Curriculum & Standards (Chair) • Finance & Resources • HR/People	CET Maths Lead	Chris is a very experienced educational leader who has been Headteacher of two successful secondary schools in North Cumbria, consistently driving excellence in teaching and leadership. He now works as a School Improvement Lead for a Multi-Academy Trust where he helps schools in improving outcomes and Teaching and Learning, especially in Maths. He is a member of the North West Maths Hub strategic board and is also a facilitator for NPQs including the NPQH the NPQ in Leading Primary Maths and the NPQSENCO. Chris is also the current Chair of Cumberlands School Forum.

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Mark Jenkinson	• Term of office from 26 August 2025 to 25 August 2026	• Finance & Resources	Business Development Director	Mark Jenkinson brings extensive experience in public service, governance and strategic leadership. He has previously served as a Member of Parliament and Government Minister, with education a key area of focus during his parliamentary career. He also has a strong record of local public service, including roles as a council deputy leader, charity trustee and school governor. Professionally, Mark is a business development director within an international nuclear organisation. He brings strong skills in scrutiny, accountability and organisational oversight, alongside practical and analytical insight. Mark is committed to supporting high-quality Catholic education and to promoting effective, well governed trusts.
Fr Robert Hannaford	• Term of office from 11 Feb 2025 to 10 Feb 2028 • First appointed on 11 Feb 2025	• Growth • Catholic Life	Priest	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.
George Krawiec (Chair)	• Term of office from 19 Jan 2026 to 18 Jan 2027	• Pay • Finance & Resources • Growth • HR/People	Retired	George is a retired local authority chief executive and solicitor. He has considerable experience in education governance having been a chair of a CMAT in Lincolnshire as well as serving on various local school governing bodies before moving to Lancaster 3years ago to be nearer family. He currently also serves on Lancashire schools forum.

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Mrs Bernadette Barnes	• First appointed on 17/3/2021 • Resignation 8/10/2024	• Standards & 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.
Mr Paul Douglas Lovell	• First appointed on 17/3/2021 • Resignation 04/12/2024	• Development & 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 Ann Marie Pinguey	• First appointed on 17/3/2021 • End of Term 16/3/2025	• Finance 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 (Chair)	• First appointed on 17/3/2021 • End of Term 16/3/2025	• Standards & 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.
Mrs Leigh Baumber	• First appointed on 22/04/2025 • Resignation 02/06/2025	• Finance, Staffing & Audit	Strategy Director	Leigh is Strategy Director for a firm in Germany.
Fr Luiz Ruscillo	• First appointed on 17/3/2021 • Resignation 04/7/2025	• Vision & 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.

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Dr. Andy Johnson	• First appointed on 15 Nov 2023 • Resignation 5/7/2025	• Curriculum & 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 governor.
Elizabeth Mallinson (Chair)	• First appointed on 4 Sept 2023 • End of term 27/03/2026	• Finance, Estates & Audit • Curriculum, Staffing & Standards • 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.
Professor Keith Hanley	• First appointed 12 Sep 2023 to 11 Sep 2027 • Resignation 08/2026	• Catholic Life • Growth	Emeritus Professor	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.
Hannah Dolan	• First appointed on from 17 July 2025 • Resignation 07/09/2026	• Catholic Life • Growth		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 the semiconductor industry. She is strong supporter of building relationships between educators.
Chris Wilkins	• Term of office from 26 August 2025 to 25 August 2029 • Resignation 08/2026	• Growth • Curriculum & Standards		Chris has been headteacher and executive headteacher in three Catholic schools in Worcestershire and Cumbria for 16 years, before serving as Director of Standards in Multi Academy Trusts in Cumbria and Yorkshire. He is a member of the Standards and Testing Agency Expert Review Panel.