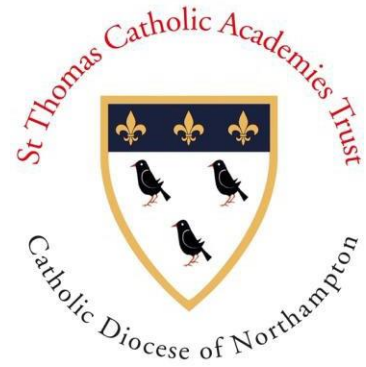






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Cardinal Newman Catholic School
Local Academy Committee
September 2024

Committee Member	About this committee member
 <p>Fiona Traynor-Bucknall Co-Chair</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Fiona is the link governor for Catholic Life, Pupil Premium, SEND, Teaching and Learning and Leadership and Management.</p>
 <p>Anthony Bewley Co-Chair</p>	<p>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 group-up mixed-race children and is of Portuguese and English heritage. Anthony is committed to fostering diversity in our schools and is enthusiastic about what Cardinal Newman is achieving and will achieve in the future.</p> <p>Anthony works for an international organization 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.</p> <p>His interests include hiking, cooking, writing, reading, music and film and he enjoys keeping fit through running and working out.</p> <p>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 governor, he has worked hard to ensure these principles are a thread for all decision making.</p> <p>Anthony is the link governor for Health & Safety.</p>



Dee Drennan
Foundation Representative

Dee Drennan is the school's named Safeguarding Governor and regularly undertakes training and auditing to fulfil the responsibilities of this role.

Dee is also a former Newman parent and has two children that both attended Newman and N6. One child has graduated from University and is utilising their degree and another child who has just started at University studying Criminology, an interest that was sparked during their time in 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's background is in IT and Medical Administration and currently works for the NHS School Immunisation service as an administrator.

Dee is also active within the community and is on the board of trustees at a local Charity and a committee member of the local ladies Gaelic football team. Supporting young people in the community is very important to Dee. Dee believes that a quote from Pope Francis on service and charity sums it up.

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ...When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love".

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





Noelette Hanley
Foundation Representative

Since relocating to England in 1996, I have worked in the not-for-profit sector. My responsibilities have included managing the delivery of welfare and social support to a range of diverse and vulnerable groups, such as Irish and Irish Travellers, as well as individuals with learning disabilities in both day and residential settings.

I have served as the Chief Executive Officer of Luton Irish Forum for 17 years. In my role, I oversee the delivery of various projects related to LIF welfare, social activities, and cultural events. This includes leading the coordination of the annual St Patrick's Festival. Our services are accredited by the Advice Quality Standard, which includes Welfare Benefits Casework, and we have been recognised with the Trusted Charity Mark. In 2020, our volunteers were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for their outstanding contributions.

Over the past 20 years, I have held various governance roles. From 2003 to 2006, I served as a trustee of Irish in Britain, which is a national charity that supports a diverse network of Irish organizations across Britain. After that, I became a trustee of Traveller Movement, a London-based charity that supports the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities and fights against the discrimination they face. I have also been serving as a Governor at Cardinal Newman Secondary School since 2016, where I lead the student and staff welfare work streams.

 <p>Uchenna Mofunanya Parent Representative</p>	<p>Uchenna was appointed as a Parent Governor in June 2024. She has three children currently attending Cardinal Newman and the Sixth Form. With a background as an entrepreneur, Uchenna holds both a first and postgraduate diploma in Education, as well as an MSc in International Business Management.</p> <p>Currently working in Adult and Social Care, she is passionate about fostering a positive learning environment for all students. In her free time, she enjoys travelling, music, sports, volunteering etc.</p> <p>Her goal as a Parent Governor is to support Cardinal Newman in achieving its full potential.</p>
 <p>Graham Upperton Additional Representative</p>	<p>Graham Upperton is serving his second four-year term as an Additional Representative on our Local Academy Committee, having completed eight years as a Governor at Bramingham Primary School, Luton, from which he left as Vice-Chair. Graham is married to a Polish national and has two sons, one of whom attends Newman 6th the other is undertaking a postgraduate degree at the University of Cambridge. Recently retired from a thirty-seven year career in commercial and private banking environments, Graham is well equipped for the varied tasks and thinking that the Local Academy Committee requires; ensuring that fairness and equality for all remains a core belief. Graham's interests include military history, autobiographies and contemporary classical music.</p>