

TRUST BOARD (Members)			
Name	Current / Recent Role	Skills / Experience	
Arun Arora	Bishop of Kirkstall	Originally trained and practised as an employment lawyer and served as National Director of Communications for the Church of England. Co-chair of the Archbishop's Anti-Racism Taskforce.	
Christopher Smith	Circuit Judge	Legal expertise, including criminal law and fraud Leadership role in a Trust School governance experience	
Lynne Hughes - Guy	GP Partner (retired) Qualified teacher (retired)	Business growth Financial management / HR Experienced in leadership and partnership working. School governance experience Education experience	
Andrew Smith	Director of Education Diocese of York Educational Trust (DYET)	Strategic leadership and partnership working Promoting church ethos and values	
Philip Hodgson	Dean of School of Social and Health Sciences, and the Acting Dean for the Institute of Education at Leeds Trinity University	Phil is a qualified social worker, with extensive experience of working with children and young people. He has carried out various research projects in the education sector, with his PhD focusing on the link between school exclusion and crime. He has published widely on areas pertaining to drugs, young people and policing. Prior to working for LTU, Phil worked as a criminal justice manager for Nottingham City Council, working in partnership with key public sector organisations. Part of this role involved setting up a pilot for the young person's arrest referral scheme. Other relevant roles, include working as a research manager for NACRO. In this post he undertook numerous evaluations of projects working with young people in the criminal justice sector, and was a lead researcher on a school exclusion project in Sandwell.	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
Name	Current / Recent Role	Skills / Experience	
Ian Bond	Chair of Trustees Founding Director IRIS Software Ltd	Provision of operational management systems to improve education Experienced data analyst – systems used in 1000+ schools across UK. Academy governance	
George Petrie	Non-practising Solicitor with experience in commercial and debt litigation and property law. Currently working as a Coach in Mortgage Services.	Legal experience. Risk and Compliance Professional experienced in supporting assurance and control framework models. Experienced School Governor.	
Stella Pollard	Business, Education & Progression Mentor & Funding Panel Chair – The Princes Trust	Substantial and senior level expertise in Business, Operations, Enterprise, Marketing, HR, Organisational Change, Law, Performance, Training and Learning Development. Director, Consultant and Mentor (Multi-Sector). Experienced Academy governance.	
Shaun Kelly	Qualified accountant working for the Ministry of Justice	Fully qualified accountant. Significant experience of successful financial and general management in not-for-profit organisation and public sector. Experienced school governor	
Joanna Hynes	Deputy Director Estates and Facilities, University of Leeds	Experience of working at a senior and strategic level in a very complex educational organisation. Knowledge and experience of successful facilities and estates management to support high quality education provision. Successful leadership of risk management, quality, performance, sustainability, welfare, and delivery of change. Robust auditing experience.	
David Merrett	Management and Strategy Consultant and Senior Strategy and Risk Executive.	Experience of strategic decision making, developing and implementing growth plans, governance, oversight and change management. Strong finance skills and experience of corporate financial management/accountability and risk management.	
Philippa Smith	School Development Adviser for the Diocese of York.	Previous Primary Teacher and then 17 years as a Headteacher of a Leeds Primary School.	

Samikah Malik	Associate Lawyer	Support and advice for schools across the Diocese of York. Monitoring the overall effectiveness and performance of schools across the Diocese. Working in partnership with a number of local authorities in supporting governing bodies with Headteacher recruitment. Currently a governor of a school in Leeds and a SIAMS Inspector. Experienced data, privacy and cyber security lawyer in the Tech and Media Team. Expertise in UK and European data protection matters including e-privacy and holds a certificate as an Information Privacy Professional.
Robert Morton	Asset Manager	Experience in managing office, industrial/logistics and retails assets. Liaising with investors, local authorities to lead on the strategy and direction of both property assets and developments and analysing prospective investment opportunities.
Helen Lane	North East, Yorkshire and Humber Region of Ofsted, most recently as Senior His Majesty's Inspector and Assistant Regional Director (now retired)	Experience in extensive senior leadership, experience at a local and national level in Ofsted, including inspection and monitoring of primary and secondary schools and inspection of initial teacher training providers. Helen's leadership experience spans all of Ofsted's remits, schools, early years, further education and skills and social care. A range of school leadership roles, including as Headteacher. Helen has also worked as a school improvement advisor and as a primary and secondary science teacher advisor. In both these roles she oversaw improvements at both school and subject level.
Ian Thomson- Smith	22 years as a Primary Headteacher. Recently retired.	Experience in successfully leading schools through Ofsted inspections. Leadership roles across Yorkshire. Diocese of Leeds Advisor, supporting schools across 5 different LA's in developing their effectiveness and Christian distinctiveness, including preparation for SIAMS inspections.