



STRATHALLAN  
SCHOOL

Opportunities for all to excel

# Board of Governors

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The Headmaster is responsible to the Governing Board which currently comprises 17 governors and 23 honorary governors. The Board bears responsibility in law for the activities of the School and the Headmaster and other members of the School Executive report formally on these activities each term. The composition of the Board covers a range of professional expertise and includes former pupils and current parents, with the emphasis always being on the skill-set they bring to the Board.

The principal functions of the Board are:

- to monitor and to advise on all aspects of the School's activities
- the appointment of certain officers of the School (Headmaster, Bursar and Director of External Relations) and approval of others (Deputy Heads and Chaplain)
- the election of its members and its Chairman
- oversight of the School's finances.

All policy decisions are taken by the full Board, which meets each term. The Executive & Finance Committee, comprises each of the convenors and Finance Governors. It oversees in detail the finances of the School, authorises the revenue budget and capital expenditure.

Other committees, which meet once a term unless otherwise stated, are:

Education Committee

Prep School Committee

Pastoral and Health Committee

House and Grounds Committee.

External Relations Committee

Nominations Committee

Audit Committee (which meets annually specifically to review the School's audited accounts)

People and Remuneration Committee (meets twice a year)

**Chair**

Mr Martin A. Griffiths, LLB (Hons), CA (Company Director)

**Education Committee Convener**

Prof. Eric Alton MA, MD, FRCP, FHEA, FERS, FMedSci (Imperial College, London)

**Finance Committee Convener**

Mr Paul Johnston FCCA \* (Change Project Manager)

**House & Grounds Committee Convener**

Mr Andrew Wood, MRAC, RICS (Chartered Surveyor & Property Consultant)

**External Relations Committee Convener**

Mr Donald Gillanders \* (Business Development Director)

**Pastoral & Health Convener**

Dr Elizabeth Doherty BSc, MBCHB, DFRSH, MRCGP (Doctor)

**People & Remuneration Committee Convener**

Mr Iain Hutchison CEng, FIMechE (Chartered Engineer – Energy)

**Prep School Committee Convener**

Mr Ed Anderson MA (Joint Hons) \* (Company Director)

**Governors**

Mrs Jennifer Bain KC (Sheriff)

Mr Robbie Cachia, BSc \* (Investment Risk Management)

Mrs Catherine Clark (Pastoral)

Prof. Jeremy Crang, BA, PGCE, PhD, FRHist, FRSA (University of Edinburgh)

Mr Struan Fairbairn MA LLB DipLP NP \* (Chief Risk Officer)

Mrs Rachel Gilchrist LLB, DipLP (Solicitor)

Mr David Graham LLB(Hons)\* (Chief Counsel)

Prof. Graeme Paton BSc, PhD. (University of Aberdeen)

Mr Andrew J Sinclair, BSc \* (Agriculture)

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