STRATHALLAN SCHOOL

Opportunities for *all* to excel

Board of Governors

Updated November 2026

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The Headmaster is responsible to the Governing Board which currently comprises 18 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 overseas 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, FRICS (Chartered Surveyor & Property Consultant)

External Relations Committee Convener

Mr Donald Gillanders* (Business Development Director)

Pastoral & Health Convener

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

People & Remuneration Committee Convener

Prep School Committee Convener

Governors

Mrs Jennifer Bain KC (Sheriff)
Mr Robbie Cachia, BSc* (Investment Risk Management)
Mrs Catherine Clark (Pastoral)
Mr Ian Craig BLE, CA (Chartered Accountant)
Prof. Jeremy Crang, BA, PGCE, PhD, FRHist, (University of Edinburgh)
FRSA Mr Struan Fairbairn MA LLB DipLP NP* (Chief Risk Officer)
Mrs Rachel Gilchrist LLB, DipLP (Solicitor)
Mr David Graham LLB(Hons)* (Chief Counsel)
Miss Aileen Kane BA (Hons) FTIOB, FRSA (Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Operating Officer, Abitas Group)
Prof. Graeme Paton BSc, PhD. (University of Aberdeen)
Mr Mark Ronan, MA (Cantab) NPQH (Rector & CEO Hutcheson's Grammar School)
Mr Andrew J Sinclair, BSc* (Agriculture)

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