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## A Governing Body for the Federated Schools

The Temporary Governing Body (TGB), chaired by Jon Ely, has played a very valuable role, and will continue to do so, in setting up the two new federated 11-18 schools. It is now time for the Island Innovation Trust (IIT) to appoint its representatives for the new governing body, which will provide the strategic direction for the federated schools from September 2011. The membership of the full governing body will be as follows:

- ◆ 10 members appointed by the Island Innovation Trustees and to include 4 parents;
- ◆ 2 Headteachers, one from each school;
- ◆ 2 staff representatives, to be appointed by the staff in September;
- ◆ 2 parent representatives, to be elected by parents in September;
- ◆ 1 LA representative, to be nominated by the Local Authority;
- ◆ 2 community representatives, to be appointed by the governors at their first meeting in the autumn term.

IIT is keen to ensure it recruits 19 governors with the necessary areas of expertise to fulfil this very important, challenging, but rewarding, role.

These areas include:

- ◆ Strategic planning and decision making;
- ◆ Project management;
- ◆ Financial management;
- ◆ Business/commercial expertise;
- ◆ Personnel/Human Resources;
- ◆ Communications and Marketing;
- ◆ Law;
- ◆ ICT, Premises and Building Maintenance;
- ◆ Health and Safety;
- ◆ Emotional health and well-being;

- ◆ Compliance; and
- ◆ Special Educational Needs.

It is also helpful for governors to have a good understanding of data and, most importantly, a conviction that every child matters. Governors would also need to be supportive of the ethos of the new Colleges that are committed to inclusion and to ensuring significant improvements in levels of attainment through a relentless focus on securing the highest quality of teaching and learning through the delivery of a curriculum which is engaging, exciting and innovative: every child must be helped to succeed in an inclusive, supporting and safe environment.

Our governors will be responsible for ensuring the new colleges, including the joint sixth form, deliver the vision of the Island Innovation Trust by providing a clear strategic direction for the school. Governors have a range of statutory responsibilities including the curriculum, school standards and ensuring suitable strategies are in place, including the performance management of staff.

The DfE regulations determine certain qualifications and disqualifications for people seeking to become governors and an extract from the relevant section of the Guide to the Law for governors can be found on the IIT website:

[www.islandinnovationtrust.org.uk](http://www.islandinnovationtrust.org.uk)

## WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

The Island Innovation Trust would like to hear from anyone interested in being one of their representative governors, called foundation governors. Ten such governors are required. A foundation governor must be wholly supportive of the vision of the IIT and support and challenge the schools to ensure its delivery.

Details of the IIT vision can be found on the IIT website. In summary, the IIT is committed to:

- ◆ Raising standards in education, attainment and health;
- ◆ Unlocking talent and enterprise; and
- ◆ Raising the aspirations of the community, valuing education and embedding an ethos of lifelong learning.

If you are interested in becoming a foundation governor and meet the requirements above, we would be interested to hear from you. Most meetings are held in the early evening, but some, as indicated below have to occur during the school day. The selection criteria used to recruit foundation governors will be:

- ◆ Sign up to IIT's Vision and Values (see IIT website);
- ◆ Have appropriate skills;
- ◆ Relevant experience, such as being a governor;
- ◆ Link to one of the Trust organisations; and
- ◆ Have the time and availability to commit to the role.

All Governors would be expected to:

- ◆ Attend two full governors' meetings per term;
- ◆ Be a member of one of the sub-committees such as Finance, Premises, Staffing, Curriculum (3 meetings per term);
- ◆ Support one-off committee meetings during the school day such as discipline, appointment panels;
- ◆ Link to a subject department (3 visits per term);
- ◆ Support school functions, mainly outside school hours; and
- ◆ Undertake the necessary governor training on a regular basis (at least annually).

If you are interested in being a foundation governor, please see over for details.



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If you would like to be a foundation governor, you should submit your expression of interest on a form available from Diana Penman, Clerk to the Governing Body Tel: 550007 or [dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk](mailto:dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk). Alternatively, please download a form from the schools' websites.

The completed form should be returned to the Clerk by **12 noon on Friday 3 June 2011**.

If you would like to discuss the role, you can either contact Judith Richardson, Chief Executive of the Island Innovation Trust, or Mark Price, Chair of Trustees via Diana Penman, Clerk to Governing Body

There will be a selection process, which will involve a conversation with members of the Trust.

We look forward to hearing from you.



As the new Colleges will have a joint sixth form, there is a need to align the teaching times across the Carisbrooke, Medina and sixth form campus so that teachers are able to move between sites at lunch time, for example. Every effort will be made to minimise travelling each day but this may be necessary for some staff.

Currently, Medina starts earlier than Carisbrooke, with pupils required to be on site at Carisbrooke by 9.00 am for registration at 9.10 am, taken during the first lesson, compared with 8.45 am in readiness for lessons to begin at Medina at 8.55 am. The school day ends at 3.10 pm at Medina, whereas lessons end at 3.35 pm at Carisbrooke.

Consultation between IIT/TGB, the Local Authority and Southern Vectis is still ongoing as the availability of school transport is key to determining the start and finish times of the school day. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved within the next two weeks. after which we will consult parents on the proposed arrangements.

## IIT Trustee

### Robert Langford



Solo Agency & Promoters

The Isle of Wight Festival will soon be upon us. Held on Medina's playing fields, it has a considerable impact on school life. Medina will have two training days on 10 and 13 June, which will focus on preparation for the new schools. It is expected this year that around 200 pupils will participate in the festival, in one way or another. It is appropriate, therefore, that the IIT Trustee we focus on in this issue is Robert Langford, financial controller of Solo, the promoters of the Isle of Wight Festival.

Robert started his professional career training as a chartered accountant with BDO Stoy Hayward in London qualifying in 2000. After a stint working with BDO in Australia he returned to the UK and left accountancy practice to move into commercial roles.

A lifelong music fan, Robert fulfilled his ambition of working in the music business joining Mercury Records in 2001 as the label accountant. In 2003, he moved from recorded music into live music taking the role of financial controller with John Giddings at Solo. In the eight years Robert has been with Solo, he has progressed to the role of Finance Director and has been instrumental on all Solo projects from the Isle of Wight Festival to the global tours of The Rolling Stones, Madonna and U2. Robert lives in Sutton, Surrey with his wife and two daughters.

In his spare time he is a keen cyclist and snowboarder and has recently become addicted to golf.

## Pupil Premium

The TGB recently considered how the Pupil Premium funding from the Government should be spent. This money will be used to raise the attainment and build the self esteem and confidence of groups of children who are not achieving in line with their peers.

Governors are very keen to ensure that all pupils entitled to benefit from the Pupil Premium do so. We are, therefore, asking parents to ensure that if their child is entitled to free school meals, this is registered, so that the school receives the funding to support such pupils. To register please apply online at [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com).

## School Uniform

The new school uniform for pupils moving into Years 10 and 11 in September can be ordered later this term. A number of parents have asked that the uniform be available for them to purchase during the summer. Further details on how to purchase the uniform will appear on the schools' websites after half term.

## Dress Code

### For Island Innovation Sixth Form Campus

Governors have recently debated the dress code for students attending the new sixth form campus. There will not be a uniform, but all students will be required to dress smartly and ensure what they wear is appropriate to the educational environment.

Health and safety, cultural awareness and decency will be the guidance used in determining what is, or is not, appropriate. The sixth form team will involve students in determining what attire is fit for purpose. What is important, and our key focus, is students achieving their potential.

**Have Your Say**—We want to hear your views. Please send them to us via e-mail at the following address: [dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk](mailto:dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk) or write to Judith Richardson at the Carisbrooke High School address.