



**PLATANOS ACADEMY TRUST
GOVERNANCE**

MEMBERS	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/SKILLS		DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS / COMMENTS e.g. if LA associated
Mr Akin Alabi / Chair	Mr Alabi has been a Governor for over thirty years. He has vast experience of strategic governance as part of large public bodies including primary schools, housing associations and health authorities. He is dedicated to improving public services for local people. Accountability is at the heart of his philosophy. Five of his six sons have been successful pupils at Platanos College.		Two sons employed at the Trust
Mrs Maureen Brown	Maureen has extensive experience in education welfare and safeguarding. Maureen also has extensive experience of working in the local community. Maureen Chairs our Safeguarding, Health and Safety Committee and is formally responsible for assessing Safeguarding across the Trust.		None
Mrs Agatha Domingo	Mrs Domingo brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Board, including the Home Office, the fields of law and charities, extensive experience of school governance and of company secretaryship.		None
TRUSTEES	Specific ROLE within the Trust e.g. Chair, Vice Chair, HR, finance, school improvement, business link, legal.	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/SKILLS	DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS / COMMENTS e.g. if an employee or LA associated
Professor Josko Brakus	Business Links / Marketing / Higher Education	Professor Brakus is currently Professor of Marketing at Leeds University Business School. His interests are focused on marketing management, research and communications as well as consumer behaviour. He has been involved in consultancy work for ExGroup, a	Professor, Leeds University

		<p>branding consultant based in New York City. He consulted for VW and Skoda among other clients.</p> <p>The Trust draws on his expertise in business planning, including the development of our marketing plan.</p>	
Mrs Agatha Domingo	Chair, Governance / Strategic	<p>Mrs Domingo brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Board, including the Home Office, the fields of law and charities, extensive experience of school governance and of company secretaryship.</p> <p>We draw on Mrs Domingo's extensive knowledge of the local community and parental engagement.</p>	None
Mr Terrence McKenzie	School Improvement / Performance Management	<p>Terry McKenzie worked as a freelance inspector for Ofsted from 2007 to 2015 leading between thirty and forty inspections each year in special and other schools in all phases. He inspected schools in both the state and independent sectors. He has senior leadership experience in state and independent secondary schools.</p> <p>Terry has also worked since 2005 as a freelance consultant providing training and consultancy to independent and community special schools of all kinds including to the Priory Group, Bettercare Keys and Castle Care.</p> <p>In 2015 he sold his school improvement business to Judicium Ltd., but continues to work as a director with Judicium. Clients include schools and academies in six local authorities, and several nationally known independent care and education companies that include the Cambian Group, Kedleston and the Hillcrest/Options group.</p> <p>Terry's consultants service around sixty independent special schools and a dozen state schools and academies. Ofsted has consistently judged several of Terry's 'client' schools as</p>	None

		<p>'outstanding'. He delivers training in safeguarding for school and local authority staff and has recently delivered courses for the NAHT. Terry manages a team of education and care consultants; all are (or have recently been) working Ofsted inspectors, or have been Headteachers in state schools.</p> <p>Terry provides the Trust with 'educational challenges as a member of the Board. The latter includes an external perspective on School Improvement, Performance Management including that of the Executive Headteacher and Heads of School and pre-inspection.</p>	
Mr Sebastian Rounds	Legal / HR / Careers	<p>Sebastian is a qualified solicitor and works for a city firm. He is a committed Christian and is involved in charitable work. He provides the "legal challenges" on the board. He reviews all policies and will be involved in the legal appraisal of plans to expand the Trust. Sebastian's experience in HR is significant.</p> <p>Sebastian will also mentor / coach pupils who are interested in the legal profession and where possible provide access work experience in the city for pupils.</p>	<p>DLKM LLP Solicitors / Employee</p> <p>Non-Executive Director, Solicitors International Human Rights Group (Charity)</p>
Mr Jake Mayah	Finance / Auditing / Risk Management	<p>Jake is a qualified chartered accountant who is a director of a large city firm. Jake also runs his own independent accountancy companies. Jake leads the Audit and Risk Committee. Jake oversees the new Reserves Policy and provides wider "financial challenges" on the Board.</p> <p>Jake will also use his contacts in the city to enable our pupils to visit city firms and to take part in work experience projects.</p>	<p>Director, Mayah and Co (Real Estate)</p> <p>Partner, Mayah and Co (Chartered Accountants)</p> <p>Finance Director, Kroll Ontrack Legal Technologies Ltd</p>
Mrs Maureen Brown	Safeguarding / Parents / Community	<p>Maureen has extensive experience in education welfare and safeguarding. Maureen also has extensive experience of working in the local community / parents and Safeguarding.</p> <p>Maureen Chairs our Safeguarding, Health and Safety</p>	None

		Committee and is formally responsible for assessing Safeguarding across the Trust.	
Mr Humroy Whyte	Education / Arts / Global Education	Humroy is an experienced teacher, curriculum manager, school governor, broadcaster and performing arts practitioner, Humroy brings a strong commitment to helping young people develop the skills that will enable them to become successful members of society, wherever they may be in the modern global environment.	Employed by the Trust
Ms Judette Tapper	Executive Headteacher and CEO	<p>Judette was awarded a CBE for services to both local and national education. Judette has hands-on experience of turning round failing schools both as a deputy headteacher and as headteacher. She is able to transform schools at a pace as well as sustain improvements, changing the life-chances of thousands of pupils.</p> <p>Judette is currently taking part in the successful Executive Principal course run by Future Leaders to enhance the current work of the Trust and to drive its expansion.</p>	<p>Employed by the Trust</p> <p>One private investment property declared</p>

IN ADDITION: NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES

The Trust benefits from a system of volunteer “non-executive” members. This model is part of capacity building by the Trust as well as ‘succession planning’. These volunteers have no formal voting rights on the Board but their skills are used across the Trust as follows:

Ms Justine Dixon	Justine is an Executive in Corporate Finance. She is a Chartered Accountant. The Trust will draw on her extensive skills in both Financial and Project Management.	None
Mr Benjamin Morris	Benjamin currently works with a national bank. He lives locally. The Trust will draw on his extensive skills in HR and Fundraising. He is also very interested in Sports Coaching and helping to develop sporting activities across the Trust.	None