



A new era for renowned Foundation behind some of London and the South East's highest-performing schools

The United Westminster and Grey Coat Foundation is today announcing the appointments of six new non-executive directors to their Board of Trustees.

The Foundation, formally established in March 2019, arose from the merger of two longstanding foundations as a single charitable entity. The Foundation's five well-known schools feature a diverse range of contexts and cohorts, including a mixture of state, independent, single-sex and co-educational schools.

The additional trustees come as the organisation is looking to strengthen the collaborative opportunities between the schools and build external partnerships that will benefit the educational experience of their pupils. The new trustees bring an impressive range of skills and backgrounds to the board table, including Toby Mullins, who will step into the chair role following the planned retirement of the current chair, Vice Admiral Peter Dunt, before the end of the year.

The new Trustees include:

- Toby Mullins (Chair Elect) – Toby spent 22 years as a headteacher in both independent and state schools. He was previously Chair of both The Society of Heads and the Independent Schools' Council, and has been a trustee of The Children's Trust for more than five years.
- Louise Cooper – Louise is the Business Development Director for Academies Enterprise Trust, which runs 58 schools across England. She was previously Chief Executive of Governors for Schools and has worked in senior roles across the public and private sectors.
- Mohsen Ojja – Mohsen is National Director of Education at E-ACT, where he is responsible for the quality of provision and safeguarding across 28 academies. He is an advocate for social justice and has over 15 years' experience as a senior educator and headteacher.
- Adina Uritescu – Adina is Talent and Impact Senior Manager at PwC UK, where she is a subject matter expert on the company's approach to talent and performance review. Adina was previously in management roles at Deloitte and City, University of London.
- Michael Ibitoye - Michael is an expert on children in care with Croydon Council, where he is also member of the BAME network steering group. He is founder of Foundation 47, using sport and education to help young people across England and Belgium.
- Florence Brocklesby – Florence is a commercial litigation lawyer and found of Bellevue Law, a boutique firm with a wide range of public, private and individual clients. She was previously a lecturer at BPP Law School and solicitor at highly regarded firms across London and Brussels.

The new Trustees are joining as the board celebrates the continued success of students within their affiliated schools this year. The group's A level students are heading off to universities such as Oxford,



Cambridge, Manchester, UCL, Exeter, King's College London, Leeds, Durham, St Andrews, York and Nottingham. The Foundation's schools were equally successful with GCSEs, with many students carrying on into sixth form within the Foundation.

Peter Dunt, Chair of Trustees, The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation, said:

"We are very pleased to welcome such a strong calibre of leaders to our Board of Trustees. It has been a privilege to be a part of The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation and predecessor organisation for 13 years, and I look forward to working with our new colleagues during these coming transition months."

Toby Mullins, Chair Elect, The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation, said:

"I am delighted to be joining the Board of Trustees for The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation and it will be my honour to Chair this wonderful organisation. Our schools have a long, rich history and share a commitment to academic excellence and a strong Christian ethos. I look forward to serving our students as Chair of the Foundation."

Dr Gordon Carver, Chief Executive, The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation, said:

"The United Westminster & Grey Coat Foundation and our schools have achieved great success for our students over the years, and I am sure that under the stewardship of our new board members the organisation will continue to move from strength to strength."

NOTE TO EDITOR:

The Foundation is comprised of five schools:

- Westminster City School (Westminster, London): boys' comprehensive school for 11 to 18-year olds, with a co-educational sixth form
- Emanuel School (Battersea Rise, London): co-educational independent day school for 11 to 18-year olds
- The Grey Coat Hospital (Westminster, London): girls' comprehensive school for 11 to 18-year olds
- Queen Anne's School (Reading, Berkshire): girls' independent boarding and day school for 11 to 18-year olds
- Sutton Valence School (Sutton Valence, Kent): co-educational independent day school for 3 to 18-year olds, and boarding school option for 11 to 18-year olds