

Introduction and Responsibilities

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The Trust “Executive Team” is the executive management arm of the Trust, focusing on operations and the educational performance of the Schools. They operate under the leadership and direction of the CEO, who is by virtue of his position a Trustee of the Trust. The Executive Team work directly with the staff in each School and the Local Governing Bodies to ensure that the required outcomes are achieved in accordance with the direction and vision of the Trust Board.

Tom Canning OBE

Chief Executive Officer

As Chief Executive Officer, Tom develops and articulates the vision, values and ethos for the Boleyn Trust and who inspires and empowers others to share in achieving it. Tom is accountable and takes responsibility for the performance of all schools and is committed to creating the optimum educational opportunities for all Boleyn pupils in partnership with Senior Leaders.

Tom is principally responsible to the Trust Board, Parliament and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for managing the financial resources under the Trusts control. This is achieved by ensuring value for money so as to achieve the best possible educational and wider outcomes through the economic, efficient and effective use of the Trust funds.



Jagdeep Ghataore

Chief Finance Officer

Jagdeep is responsible for the financial sustainability of the Boleyn Trust by providing high quality leadership and management of the Trust's finance function to enable it to run smoothly, efficiently and effectively in the delivery of the Trust's core aims.

Jagdeep leads the promotion and delivery by the whole organisation of good financial management so that public money is safeguarded at all times and used appropriately, economically, efficiently and effectively whilst maintaining robust systems and processes around financial management.



Steven Lock

Chief Operating Officer

Steven supports the Chief Executive Officer in the strategic development and operation of the Trust, contributing to Board meetings and meetings with the Department for Education and other significant organisations.

Steven has lead operational responsibility for all central service functions of the Trust other than Finance. These include: HR Management; Legal welfare of the Trust; Asset & Risk Management; Marketing, Communications and Public Relations; Management of Health, Safety and Business Continuity; Data Protection (GDPR) as Data Protection Officer; Premises and Estates; Governance; Compliance; and Procurement.



Craig Lilleyman

Head of School Improvement

Craig works very closely with our school leaders to improve teaching and learning and pupil outcomes across the Boleyn Schools. The central aim of the school improvement service is to impact positively and directly on the quality of teaching and learning by supporting the school improvement priorities of all Trust schools. As Director of the Boleyn Trust Teaching School, Craig is able to dovetail our Trust school improvement work with a wider offering for our 40 alliance partners and beyond to other schools and MATs locally and nationally. We offer comprehensive professional leadership development and outstanding school-centred initial teacher training. In addition to the brokerage of school to support within our family of Trust schools and locally and nationally using our network of NLEs and SLEs.



Margaret Patient

HR Manager

Margaret manages, develops and maintains an efficient, effective and professional HR function for the circa 800 employees of the Boleyn Trust.

Margaret provides professional HR advice and support to managers and Senior Leaders on safer recruitment, facilitating the achievement of educational objectives whilst managing risk and ensuring statutory compliance.



Alex Saracino

Health and Safety Manager

Alex works closely with the Chief Operating Officer and relevant internal and external stakeholders to implement strategies for all matters relating to health, safety and welfare of those affected by the Trusts operations.

Alex's primary role is to advise leaders on all safety, health and welfare matters to ensure the Trust complies with its statutory obligations. In addition, Alex ensures that each school operates to the procedures and instructions contained within the Health and Safety Manual.

