Companion of Honour (CH)

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CBE

Sir Peter is one of the most influential contemporary British composers, whose works include operas, ballet scores, 10 symphonies, 15 concertos and much else besides. Master of the Queen’s Music for nearly a decade, he has sought to raise the profile of music in Great Britain as well as composing many works for Royal occasions. He has been an especial champion for music education and music in Scotland, founding Orkney’s annual arts festival and serving as Associate Composer and Conductor to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Composer/Conductor with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, and Composer Laureate of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Baroness Onora O’Neill of Bengarve CBE FBA FRS

Baroness O’Neill is widely regarded as this country’s foremost moral and political philosopher. She has given great public service, based on an outstanding contribution to the defence of reason, involving rigorous philosophical and ethical analyses of major and often controversial topics. She has chaired numerous public bodies, including the Human Genetics Advisory Commission, the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, the Nuffield Foundation, the Inquiry into the Safety of Maternity Services and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission. She has also been President of the British Academy, the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association and was Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge for well over a decade.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB)

The Right Honourable Sir Christopher Geidt KCVO OBE

Sir Christopher has been Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen since 2007. He has brought to this key role a new approach to constitutional matters (including at the time of the formation of the Coalition Government), the preparation for the transition to a change of Reign and relations with the Commonwealth. He has also overseen an unprecedented agenda of Royal and national events.
Derek Jones CB

**Derek Jones** has had a career dominated by his determination to improve the economic and social conditions of people in Wales. Inspired by his upbringing on a council estate in Cardiff, he has – both in government service and in higher education – worked to attract much-needed investment and jobs into Wales, including from many blue-chip international businesses. He is now Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Government.

Keir Starmer QC

**Keir Starmer** recently finished his term of office as Director of Public Prosecutions and Head of the Crown Prosecution Service. He was Human Rights Lawyer of the Year in 2001 and QC of the Year in Human Rights and Public Law in 2007. His achievements include successful appeals leading to the abolition of the mandatory death penalty in certain Caribbean countries; persuading the House of Lords that evidence obtained by torture should be inadmissible in British courts; and achieving the CPS’s highest rate of conviction for domestic violence and for those charged with rape or serious sexual offences.

Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

Kathryn August

**Kathy August** was, until recently, Executive Director of Education at the Education Fellowship, an emerging academy chain. Over her long career, she has made a significant impact on improving life chances for young people at all levels: locally in disadvantaged communities; regionally in the north-west, through her work as Director of Education at Trafford and Stockport local authorities; and nationally, as Acting Chief Executive of United Learning Trust. Most notably, she brought Manchester Academy, which serves the deprived Moss Side area, to Outstanding status; its predecessor school had been the lowest performer in Manchester for more than a decade.

Professor Susan Bailey OBE

**Professor Bailey** is a leading child forensic psychiatrist who has specialised in the care, treatment of and research into troubled children for over 30 years. Through her roles at the Royal College of Psychiatrists she has shaped practice, policy and service delivery across child and adult mental health. As President of the College
and Vice Chair of the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges, she has sought to ensure “parity of esteem” between physical and mental health disorders. She works with the voluntary sector, and is currently Trustee of the Centre for Mental Heath and of MAC UK, a young charity seeking to radically transform mental health service delivery for the most excluded gang-affiliated young people.

Dr. (Mary) Collette Bowe

Colette Bowe has been the driving force in cementing the reputation of Ofcom as the pre-eminent regulator in the UK. Its Chair since 2009, she has overseen the further liberalisation of the spectrum; the granting of the first local television licences in the UK; the continued competitive nature of the fixed line, mobile and broadband markets; the absorption of responsibility for postal regulation; and the spectrum elements of the 2012 Olympic Games. She is Chairman of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, and was previously Chairman of the Council of Queen Mary, University of London. She is a school governor and a trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and the Tablet.

Rosemary Butler AM

Rosemary Butler has spent four decades in public life, including as Newport West’s first Assembly Member since 1999. She has served Wales as Minister for pre-16 Education and Children, Chair of the Assembly’s Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee, and Presiding Officer. Above all, she has worked to encourage more women to get involved in public life, including founding the Newport Women's Forum and hosting numerous International Women’s Day events.

Alison Carnwath

Alison Carnwath is role model for women in business, being one of the very few to chair a FTSE 100 company. Under her leadership, Land Securities became one of the first property companies to restart development following the recession, notably in London Victoria and in Leeds. She was a non-executive director of Barclays Bank, where she adopted a robust attitude to bonus payments, and has shifted remuneration at Land Securities towards longer term incentives. She is a Woolf Patron of the British Library and contributes to the charity Speakers for Schools.
Rachel de Souza

Rachel de Souza has a remarkable track record in transforming under-performing schools. As Principal of Luton’s Barnfield West Academy, she took it from being one of the worst performing schools in the country to over 50% of pupils getting 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths. Subsequently, as Principal of Ormiston Victory Academy, she achieved a 30% increase in the same area in just two years. She has since gone on to help schools in other areas: Ipswich’s Endeavour Academy and now as Chief Executive of the Inspiration Trust, a new academy chain in Norfolk, where she has opened the country’s first specialist Mathematics and Science Free School.

Professor Celia Hoyles OBE

Professor Hoyles is an outstanding advocate for mathematics. The impact of her work as Director of the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics is now being demonstrated, with increasing numbers of young people progressing to university to study mathematics and many of the brightest and best entering the teaching profession. Her vision for the Centre has resulted in a highly successful combination of face-to-face regional support with virtual support via a portal, resulting in a tenfold increase in the number of teachers regularly using the portal – well over 100,000 today.

Asha Khemka OBE

Asha Khemka has served the deprived areas of the West Midlands as Principal of West Nottinghamshire College for the last eight years. Under her leadership, it has become one of the most eminent further education colleges in the UK. She has embraced the apprenticeship agenda, leading the college to become the largest 16-18 provider in the UK and finding jobs for 700 young people in the first year. Her charitable trust, The Inspire and Achieve Foundation, is especially focused on those not in education, employment or training. She is in the process of opening a skills centre in India.

Penelope Keith CBE DL (Penelope Timson)

Penelope Timson, better known as Penelope Keith, is a much loved actor who has devoted considerable amounts of time to voluntary work for a range of charities. She played a significant role in helping to establish and then develop the National Memorial Arboretum. She has given her time generously as Pro-Chancellor of Surrey University. She is President of KeepOut, a crime diversion scheme which
advocates alternatives to custody, and of the Actors’ Benevolent Fund. She has also been involved with many smaller charities on a sustained and long-term basis.

Professor Frances Kirwan FRS

**Professor Kirwan**, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University, is one of the UK’s leading mathematicians. She is outstanding not only for the significance of her research in algebraic geometry but also for her contribution to the mathematical life of the UK and to the worldwide mathematical community. She is Chair of the UK Mathematics Trust, a body concerned with raising the quality of secondary mathematics education, and has served as the Convenor for European Women in Mathematics.

Gillian Lynne CBE

**Gillian Lynne** is the leading choreographer of her generation. A seminal influence on British dance, she choreographed Cats and Phantom of the Opera and directed a good fifty other shows on the West End and Broadway. She was elected Vice-President of the Royal Academy of Dance in 2012. She also supports a variety of good causes, including the Lisa Ullman Travelling Scholarship, the Actors Centre, the Royal Brompton Hospital, the British School of Osteopathy and many dance and theatre-related charities.

Alison Peacock

**Alison Peacock** led The Wroxham Primary School in Hertfordshire out of special measures to Outstanding status. Her school is now a Teaching School with 67 schools within its alliance. A passionate advocate of primary education, her publications include the book, *Creating Learning Without Limits*, which describes the transformative leadership of The Wroxham School based upon her philosophy and trust in children’s capacity to learn and grow. She also jointly established and led the nationally influential network for the Cambridge Primary Review, across 12 centres at universities across the country.

Professor Shirley Pearce CBE

**Professor Pearce** was Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University for seven years, when she led it to strengthen its research and innovation performance to secure its position as an international leader, particularly in the areas of manufacturing, sport and health sciences. A clinical psychologist, she was an inaugural Healthcare
Commissioner and remains a non-executive Director of Health Education England. As a Board Member of the Higher Education Funding Council for England she is currently chairing a Voluntary Giving Review Group, looking at how the higher education sector can build up its effectiveness in attracting philanthropic giving.

Professor Seona Reid CBE

Professor Reid, lately Director of the Glasgow School of Art, has made a huge contribution to the international success of Glasgow’s creative industries. She has developed the School significantly, seeing it produce many of Scotland’s leading contemporary artists and designers, and renewed its estate. She also built creative links with both China and Singapore. She is Scotland’s Fulbright Commissioner, Deputy Chair of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, Trustee of the Tate, Chair of the National Theatre of Scotland and of Cove Park, as well as holding a number of other voluntary posts.

Professor Pamela Shaw

Professor Shaw, Professor of Neurology at Sheffield University, is an outstanding clinical scientist whose discoveries have led to a much better understanding of motor neurone disease. Her research has led to over 300 publications. She led the development of the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, a state-of-the-art dedicated research facility, which is already becoming an international centre of excellence for basic and applied research in neurodegenerative disease.

Professor Julia Slingo OBE

Professor Slingo is the foremost female atmospheric scientist in the country. She was the first woman to hold a professorship in meteorology and the first to be appointed President of the Royal Meteorological Society. As Chief Scientist at the Meteorological Office, she has integrated its research and prediction capabilities to deliver world-leading weather and climate services and brought it to global pre-eminence in its field. She is also a keen supporter of young people in science, speaking at career seminars and co-authoring papers published by early career scientists.
Knights Bachelor

The Right Honourable Kevin Barron MP

Kevin Barron has served his Rother Valley constituency for three decades. He has a particular interest in health issues, serving as both a lay member of the General Medical Council and as Chair of the Health Select Committee. He campaigned tirelessly to restrict smoking in public places and to ensure former miners received fair compensation. He has also served as a member of the Intelligence and Security Committee and continues to chair the Standards and Privileges Committee.

Professor Adrian Bird CBE FRS FRSE

Professor Bird is one of the outstanding molecular geneticists of his generation and a founder of the field of epigenetics. His seminal discoveries have had a wide impact on our understanding of biology, including the relevance of DNA methylation in human disease, with implications for the future treatment of Rett Syndrome and cancer. He has been a governor of the Wellcome Trust and is currently a trustee of the Rett Syndrome Research Foundation and of Cancer Research UK.

Professor Richard Blundell CBE FBA

Professor Blundell has been a leading contributor to worldwide debates about tax and welfare reforms over many years. Simultaneously holding the roles of Professor of Economics at London’s University College, Research Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Director of the ESRC Centre for Micro-economic Analysis of Public Policy, he has been able to combine academic excellence with policy relevance, delivering some of the most significant contributions to the econometric analysis of labour supply and household behaviour. He is the past President of the Royal Economic Society.

Ian Cheshire

Ian Cheshire is Chief Executive of Kingfisher plc, whose contribution to the UK has combined innovation, wealth creation and sustainability. He has doubled sales of eco-products (over £1bn in 2012) and made B&Q the first retailer of its size to source all its timber products sustainably. He chaired the Government Ecosystem Markets Task Force and is the UK representative on the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum.
Michael Codron CBE

Michael Codron is the leading producer of post-war British drama who has influenced global theatre-going for over half a century. In particular, he has fostered first-rate new writing in Britain (including by the then virtually unknown Harold Pinter, whose play The Birthday Party he premiered in 1958) and his name is synonymous with productions of quality, wit and intelligence. A former Director of the Hampstead Theatre and the National Theatre, and is an honorary Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford. He is Honorary Vice President of the Society of London Theatre.

Paul Collier CBE

Paul Collier, Founder-Director of Oxford’s Centre for the Study of African Economies, is one of the most innovative and influential thinkers on international development issues and probably the world’s leading expert on the economies of Africa. He co-founded the International Growth Centre, allowing governments of low income countries to put policy questions to world-class researchers. His own research led the way to a more results-based focus for the allocation of aid and he pioneered work on the economics of conflict. He continues to act as a key adviser to the Prime Minister on development issues.

David Dalton

David Dalton has made Salford Royal, where he is Chief Executive, one of the safest and best run NHS Foundation Trusts in the country, delivering some of the best health outcomes for populations with the highest health needs. He played a key role in the creation of North West e-Health, which he now chairs and which has enabled the Salford Lung Study – the first real-world study of a pre-licence drug in a single geographic health population. He also founded AQuA, a membership body supporting quality improvement, and NHS QUEST, a network of highly performing Trusts supporting new methods of improvement to patient safety.

Roger de Haan CBE DL

Roger de Haan, is a hugely generous and active philanthropist, involved in education, the arts and the regeneration of deprived communities. His Trust pays for skilled workers in key community posts and gives charitable support to many local organisations and community groups. He was one of the early sponsors of academies and has made major contributions to Canterbury Cathedral, the Marlowe Theatre and the Turner Contemporary in Margate. The Creative Foundation, which
he established, chairs and largely funds, is transforming deprived areas of Folkestone. He is also committed to a Red Cross project which has had a major impact on health education and in supporting people with HIV and AIDS in South Africa.

(Michael) Roger Gifford

Roger Gifford has used his domestic and international programmes as the last Lord Mayor of London to link the attractiveness of the UK for business with its cultural strengths and its diversity and tolerance. He has been chair and lead fund-raiser for the English Chamber Orchestral and Music Society for over a decade; a proactive trustee of St Paul’s foundation for almost as long; chair of the Development Committee of the Mayor’s Fund for Young Musicians; and founder of the City Music Foundation. He is also a trustee of several education-related bodies and contributes to a University of Cambridge-sponsored project promoting religious toleration and understanding.

Antony Gormley OBE

Antony Gormley is one of Britain’s most significant and high-profile sculptors. His work often explores the relationship of the human body to space at large, including casts of his own body installed around London and New York. He presented the use of the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square as a space for public art. He is a Royal Academician and a trustee of the British Museum. He supports a range of charities, including Shelter, Crisis, the National Trust and Comic Relief.

Michael Griffiths

Michael Griffiths led Northampton School for Boys to be the first converter academy and a Teaching School supporting other schools. Its 2006 Ofsted Outstanding status was reconfirmed in the 2010 interim assessment. He has also served the Association of School and College Leaders for more than a decade, becoming its National President in 2012 and promoting positive leadership as a role model and inspiration to the profession.

Peter Luff MP

Peter Luff has served his Worcestershire constituents for over two decades. He was a scrupulously non-partisan Chair of two Select Committees and has also served as a Parliamentary Private Secretary (in three departments), Parliamentary Under
Secretary of State and a Whip. He is Co-Chair of the Speakers’ Advisory Committee on the 2015 Anniversaries. He is a long-standing campaigner for British engineering, with an emphasis on the need for more young people to train as engineers and scientists. He supports numerous charitable organisations in his constituency.

Dr. Noel Malcolm FBA

Dr. Malcolm is the world’s leading authority on England’s greatest political philosopher, Thomas Hobbes. He is also an eminent scholar in the fields of the cultures, languages and politics of Eastern Europe. He gave the Trevelyans lectures in Cambridge and the Carlyle lectures in Oxford on Western relations with Islam. He was Foreign Editor of the Spectator, receiving the T E Utley prize for political journalism. A Fellow of the British Academy, he is Chair of the Bosnian Institute and President of the Anglo-Albanian Association.

The Right Honourable Richard Ottaway MP

Richard Ottaway has been a Member of Parliament for 25 years, serving first the constituency of Nottingham North and latterly Croydon South. He was Shadow Secretary of State for the Environment and has given particular service to a number of Select Committees: Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Intelligence and Security. In 2010 he became the first Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee to be elected by the whole House. He supports a large number of charitable organisations in his constituency.

Professor Godfrey Palmer OBE

Professor Palmer is a world-renowned food scientist, a life-long human rights activist, and Scotland’s first black professor. He invented the Barley Abrasion process and has undertaken innovative research into grain science and malt production. As Professor Emeritus at Heriot-Watt University, he continues to research new methods of detecting pre-germination in cereal grains. He has chaired and served many community and charitable organisations for decades, including 40 years of hard work to make Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council the leading such body in Scotland.
Alan Parker

**Alan Parker** is founder and Chair of Brunswick Group LLP, one of the world’s most successful corporate and financial PR companies, which also hosts a number of charities. He founded China Now, a cultural festival designed to break down barriers between China and the UK. Since he took over the chairmanship of Save the Children UK, its income has doubled and its reach dramatically increased. He is also a UK Business Ambassador, a trustee of the Diamond Jubilee Trust and a generous philanthropist.

Professor Peter Ratcliffe FRS

**Professor Ratcliffe** is one of the leading clinical scientists of his generation. He is recognised internationally for his pivotal work on cellular oxygen sensing, which will have a profound impact on strategies to treat individuals with anaemia and vascular diseases and those in whom tissue hypoxia can lead to disease progression, such as cancer. As Nuffield Professor, he heads the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine at Oxford, which encompasses impressive programmes of research in both molecular and clinical medicine, including human genetics, structural biology, tropical medicine and clinical trials.

Julian Seymour CBE

**Julian Seymour** was responsible for overseeing all aspects of Lady Thatcher’s life in the years after she left office, including helping to establish the Margaret Thatcher Foundation, administering her financial affairs and acting as executor of her Will. Even after the closure of her private office, he continued to assist Lady Thatcher closely and played a key role in helping to put in place the arrangements for her funeral.

Paul Tucker

**Paul Tucker**, who recently stepped down as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, has made a substantial contribution to the stability of the UK economy and financial system. He led reforms in the 1980s-90s to payments systems, the gilts market and the Bank’s monetary operations; he was instrumental to the success of the 1997 reforms that granted the Bank independence; and, in the aftermath of the banking crisis, he has driven reforms to build a stronger, more resilient international financial system.
Craig Tunstall

Craig Tunstall is Executive Head of the Gipsy Hill Federation of schools. He has transformed a series of under-performing London schools: Kingswood, Elm Wood and Crawford Primary Schools, which had been in special measures and are now rated Outstanding; Paxton Primary School, which was given notice to improve but is now rated Outstanding; and Fenstanton Primary School, which was going into special measures but is now rated Good with some Outstanding aspects.

Michael Wilkins

Michael Wilkins was one of the first headteachers to be appointed a National Leader of Education, in recognition of the national impact he has made supporting schools across the country since 2006. He was the driving force at Outwood Grange Family of Schools in the north of England, which he led to academy status. As an academy sponsor, he has pioneered a hugely successful and high impact model of intervention, transforming schools in special measures at pace.

Mark Worthington OBE

Mark Worthington served as Lady Thatcher’s Private Secretary in the early years following her departure from Downing Street until the closing years of her life. He became an indispensable aide and trusted confidante, ensuring that she had the support she needed as she continued to play a significant role at home and abroad. His support continued after ill-health curtailed her activities, and he played a key role in helping to put in place the arrangements for her funeral.