Companion of Honour (CH)

Dame Margaret Smith DBE

**Maggie Smith** has been one of the UK’s most gifted actors for over six decades. With her precise articulation and meticulous stagecraft, she has starred in both comedic and serious roles. Her award-winning career has stretched from an Academy Award for Best Actress in The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie over 40 years ago to the Golden Globe and Emmys received for her current role in Downton Abbey. She has supported a wide range of charities throughout her career, recently becoming a patron of the International Glaucoma Association.
Jilian Matheson

Jil Matheson has served the world of official statistics for over 35 years, culminating in her appointment in 2009 as National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority. She planned the design of the 2011 census; and developed new measures of national wellbeing. Her high national profile is mirrored internationally: she chairs both the OECD Statistics Committee and the UN Statistical Commission. She also sits on the Board of Getstats, a campaign to improve the way we handle the practical numbers of daily life.
Amyas Morse

Amyas Morse has transformed the role of Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) and the National Audit Office. He has been the first C&AG to audit the accounts of the whole Government, helping Parliament to hold the Government to account on behalf of the taxpayer for the use of public money. He is also a Governor of Framlingham College; and a former Director of the Britten Sinfonia; and a sponsor of the SPARKS children’s disability charity.
Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

Katherine Barker CBE

Kate Barker is a highly influential economist: Chief Economic Adviser at the Confederation of British Industry; external member of the Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee for almost a decade; author of major reviews on housing supply and planning, and now a non-executive member of the Office for Budget Responsibility. She chairs the Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care in England and the Society of Business Economists. She has served as Chair of Governors of Anglia Ruskin University.

Professor Jessica Corner

Jessica Corner is a world-leading expert on cancer and palliative care who has divided her time over the last two decades between appointments in universities and cancer research charities. The Dean of Health Sciences at the University of Southampton, she has identified and demonstrated the value of new nurse-led interventions, which have led directly to improved clinical outcomes for patients. She is also Chief Clinician for Macmillan Cancer Support, acting as a key adviser on clinical and service delivery issues in cancer and end of life care.

Laura Davies CBE

Laura Davies is the most accomplished English female golfer of modern times. Her career has spanned over 80 wins, four major championships and 12 European Solheim Cup appearances. She has won the Ladies European Tour Order of Merit a record seven times. She was the first golfer, male or female, to win on five different golf tours in one calendar year. Off the golf course, she has also been an energetic fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital and Sport Relief.

Dr. (Pamela) Louise Makin

Louise Makin has grown British Technology Group (BTG) from a small research and development company to one of Britain’s premier life sciences companies. BTG is now a role model for the commercialisation of technology and she, as its Chief Executive Officer, is a model for women in business generally and science-based business in particular. She is also a member of the Prime Minister’s Business Taskforce, a Trustee of the Outward Bound Trust, a supporter of the Bendrigg Trust which helps disadvantaged children, and a former Trustee of the Engineering Development Trust.
Dr. Hilary Mantel CBE

**Hilary Mantel** is regarded by many as one of the UK's greatest living writers, who has rewritten the rules for historical fiction. She is the first British writer and the first woman to win the Booker Prize twice with her novels about Thomas Cromwell, *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up The Bodies*, each selling more than a million copies worldwide. She is an honorary professor at Exeter University and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Nicola Nelson-Taylor

**Nicola Nelson-Taylor** has led Beech Hill Primary School in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where a high number of pupils are entitled to free school meals, to outstanding status. This success led to her simultaneous appointment as Head of the then-failing Walbottle Village Primary School, where she has achieved an outstanding Ofsted rating in all areas and which is now a National Teaching School.

Erica Pienaar

**Erica Pienaar** was Executive Head of the Leathersellers' Federation of Schools in Lewisham for five years, where she transformed two previously failing schools. She has worked with the London Leadership Centre to support schools in challenging circumstances and to help build their leadership capacity. She has also served as President of the Association of Maintained Girls Schools, Chair of Lewisham's Schools Forum and contributed to the Mayor's Education Inquiry.

The Right Honorable Dawn Primarolo MP

**Dawn Primarolo** has been the Member of Parliament for Bristol South for over 25 years. She became the longest-serving Paymaster General in the 200-year history of that post, overseeing the rollout of the Working Families Tax Credit and its successor – programmes which helped lift 2 million children out of absolute poverty and almost one million out of relative poverty between 1997 and 2007. She subsequently served as Minister of State for Public Health and then Minister of State for Children, Young People and Families.

Zandra Rhodes CBE

**Zandra Rhodes** is one of Britain’s most original fashion designers, with a career stretching over five decades and expanding into interior design and opera sets and costumes. She invested considerable personal effort in the establishment of London’s Fashion and Textile Museum. She serves as Chancellor of the University
of the Creative Arts and as a judge at Graduate Fashion Week. A long-term supporter of the Breast Cancer Campaign, she was named London Breast Cancer Ambassador in 2013.
Dr. Charles Bean

Charles Bean, Deputy Governor for Monetary Policy at the Bank of England, played a pivotal role in the Bank’s response to the financial crisis, including leading critical work on the development of novel monetary policy measures. He has also played a significant role representing the UK in international fora, including the OECD, the G7 and the G20. He is President of the Royal Economic Society, a Governor of the London School of Economics and President of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. He has been a member of the City of London Festival Board for a decade.

Professor Colin Blakemore FRS

Colin Blakemore is a leading neuroscientist, who was Waynflete Professor of Physiology and then Professor of Neuroscience at Oxford University for 33 years in total. He was Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council from 2003 – 2007 and is now Director of the Centre for the Study of the Senses at the University of London. His research has been concerned with many aspects of vision, the early development of the brain and the plasticity of the cerebral cortex. He has been an outstanding public interpreter of science and a notable public servant.

Ewan Brown CBE

Ewan Brown is a generous philanthropist to a range of Scottish causes in which he is also personally involved: St Andrew’s University, where he is Senior Governor of the University Court; an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, where he designed and drove a highly successful appeal; the Edinburgh International Festival, of which he has been Vice-Chair; and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, of which he is a patron. Other voluntary positions include Chair of Scottish Financial Enterprise; Trustee of the Royal Scottish Academy Foundation; and until last year, Treasurer of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He supports numerous other charities.

Andrew Carter OBE

Andrew Carter has been Head of South Farnham Junior School for 25 years, leading it to an outstanding Ofsted rating. As a National Leader of Education, he has supported over 20 schools, taking one out of special measures. He is Chair of the Primary Academies Group in Surrey and has written School to Academy, a guide to the conversion process. His publication Financial Management in Schools is widely
used by headteachers and governors. He is a member of the Teaching School Council and Chair of the Independent review of Initial Teacher Training.

**William Cash MP**

**Bill Cash** has represented Stafford and then Stone since the Stafford by-election (1984). He was Shadow Attorney General and Shadow Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs. He has devoted much of his time in the House of Commons to the European Union and the UK’s relationship with it. He became the first elected Chairman of the European Scrutiny (Select) Committee (2010). For decades he has chaired All Party Parliamentary Groups for Kenya, Uganda, Water and Sanitation and Malaysia. His Private Members International Development (Gender Equality) Bill (to promote and protect women) was enacted in March 2014.

**Professor Cary Cooper CBE**

**Cary Cooper**, who is Distinguished Professor of Organisational Psychology and Health at Lancaster University, is one of the world’s leading authorities on occupational health, with a notable ability to communicate complex ideas to the general public through a variety of media. He was lead scientist on the Government’s Foresight report on Mental Capital and Well-being and volunteers as President of RELATE, a former national Ambassador of the Samaritans and a Patron of Anxiety UK. He is also Chair of the Academy of Social Sciences.

**Barry Day OBE**

**Barry Day** was Head of Greenwood Dale School for almost 20 years, leading it from being a poor performer to outstanding. He is now CEO of Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust, overseeing 24 academies with three further schools, each in special measures last year, in the pipeline. His leadership has resulted in significant improvements in school performance. He also ran the SSAT’s National Aspirant Headteachers programme for six years, helping almost 2,000 individuals to become successful heads.

**Daniel Day-Lewis**

**Daniel Day-Lewis** is the only actor to win the Best Actor Oscar three times, for his performances in *My Left Foot* (1989), *There Will Be Blood* (2007) and *Lincoln* (2012). His early performance in *My Beautiful Laundrette* (1985) began a reputation for fully exploring his characters, engaging himself physically, psychologically and emotionally.
Michael Deegan CBE

Mike Deegan is Chief Executive of Central Manchester University Hospitals Trusts NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT), which has been transformed under his leadership to become a leading Trust with global recognition. Patient waiting times have dropped from over 18 months to under 18 weeks on average. Infections have dropped by 90%. Patient numbers have risen by about 5% each year and patient satisfaction scores have risen. He has also led CMFT to be the key sponsor in the creation of the Manchester Health Academy – now a school of choice across Manchester – and helped establish the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre.

Professor Thomas Martin Devine OBE FRSE

Thomas Martin Devine is one of Scotland’s leading intellectuals. He created world-class community of Scottish historians at Strathclyde University and pioneered a Research Centre at Aberdeen and a Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies at Edinburgh University. His thirty-six books include two best-sellers, The Scottish Nation and Scotland’s Empire. The winner of many prizes for Scottish historical research and public engagement, he is the only humanities scholar elected to all three national academies in the British Isles for which he is eligible.

Phillip Dilley

Philip Dilley, Chairman of Arup Group, is one of the world’s leading engineers: Arup’s recent work includes major contributions to Crossrail, the Olympic Park, the Shard and development of V&A Dundee. He is Chair of London First, Chair of Governors of the Infrastructure and Urban Development Community at the World Economic Forum, a member of the Council at Imperial College and recently Chair of the CBI London Council. He is also a Trustee of The Poppy Factory.

Dr. Michael Dixon

Michael Dixon has been the architect of the Natural History Museum’s renaissance, with award-winning exhibitions and ever-increasing visitor numbers since his appointment as Director a decade ago. He has overseen the opening of the Darwin Centre, a new permanent art gallery, the Treasures Gallery, and a programme of events to improve public engagement with science. He is also actively involved with a number of charities and smaller institutions.

Dr. John Dunford OBE
**John Dunford** was an outstanding headteacher who went on to lead the Association of School and College Leaders for over a decade. His work has helped influence national education policy, especially in the fields of accountability, curriculum, assessment, 14-19 education, leadership and inspection. He still chairs three organisations – Whole Education, the Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors, and Worldwide Volunteering – and is the National Pupil Premium Champion.

**Professor David Eastwood DL**

**David Eastwood** has had a distinguished career in higher education (HE). As Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia, he established University Campus Suffolk, while also serving as a member of the Regional Assembly and Visit Norwich and as Chair of the East of England Association of Universities. He was pivotal in shaping the 2004 Education Act and served as the HE lead in the Tomlinson review of 14-19 qualifications. He was CEO of Higher Education Funding Council for England for three years before becoming Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, which The Times named University of the Year 2013/14.

**Professor David Fish**

**David Fish** has made enormous contributions in the fields of neurology and neurophysiology to research and development, undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and to improved patient care. His recent leadership roles include Medical Director of University College London (UCLH) Specialist Hospitals Clinical Board, previously Clinical Director of Clinical Neurosciences, The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He played a central role in the establishment of UCL Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre (AHSC), one of the first to be established in the country. The partnership has grown to become the largest AHSC and Network in the country, embracing a population of 6 million, 11 universities and 23 NHS organisations.

**Robert Francis QC**

**Robert Francis**, a QC since 1992 and recorder of the Crown Court since 2000, has had a distinguished career undertaking clinical negligence and healthcare actions. He made an exceptional contribution to the safe and compassionate care of patients in the NHS through two seminal inquiries into the failures at and surrounding the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust which continue to have a transformational effect on how the NHS delivers care. His integrity and determination to get to the truth have helped the people affected by the events at Mid Staffordshire to get justice for their loved ones and to have a constructive impact on the wider NHS.
David Greenaway is an internationally distinguished economist who has advised many international organisations, including the World Bank, OECD, World Trade Organisation and the UN, as well as the governments of many developing countries. As Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, he has dramatically expanded its international presence. He has also chaired the Armed Forces Pay Review Body and served on the Senior Salaries Review Body.

Gerry Grimstone has committed himself to public service alongside his private sector career, currently as Chair of Standard Life and of The City UK. He has served as a special adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, leading trade missions overseas; as a member of the Financial Services Trade and Investment Board in HM Treasury and of the Shareholder Executive; and as a the lead non-executive Director in the Ministry of Defence. His study into how civilians are employed in defence introduced major cost-saving change and created the Defence Business Services and Defence Infrastructure Organisation. His own charity helped build an orphanage for victims of the 2003 tsunami.

Thomas Kibble is distinguished for his ground-breaking research in theoretical physics over nearly six decades. Much of his work has become part of the deepest understanding of the fabric and forces of the universe: he was one of the founders of a whole new branch of physics, astro-particle physics, and was one of those whose work predicted the Higgs boson particle. He was awarded the first Nature Mentorship Award for nurturing the careers of young scientists.

Jonathan Murphy, Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, led a national programme dealing with gangs, which resulted in a national reduction in firearm incidents of 45% in three years. His recommendations led to the introduction of new offences, an increase in sentences, support for victims, new gang injunctions and serious crime prevention orders. He was awarded the Liverpool Public Sector Leader of the Year in October 2013 and his local initiatives to improve community relations and the image of his force have been adopted by other Chief Constables.
**Derek Myers** has played a lead role in the improvement and efficiency of public services at local, regional and national levels over the last 30 years. He has served as Chief Executive of the London Borough of Hounslow, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, and is the first Chief Executive to have run two local councils simultaneously. Kensington and Chelsea has regularly received the highest possible ratings in terms of a range of independent corporate and service assessments. He was a driving force behind the body that pushed up London’s overall innovation and efficiency, and chaired the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives for four years.

**Professor Michael Owen**

**Michael Owen**, Director, The MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics, Cardiff University, has made major contributions to the identification of novel genes and pathways associated with disease susceptibility for both schizophrenia and Alzheimer’s. These findings carry potential to direct future therapeutic strategies in serious diseases that have been historically under-served. He has been an outstanding leader in academic psychiatry over the last two decades and has built a centre of excellence in Cardiff that is internationally recognised. He was awarded the Lieber Prize for outstanding research into understanding of schizophrenia in 2012.

**Professor John Pethica FRS FREng**

**John Pethica**, the Chief Scientific Adviser at the National Physical Laboratory, has made seminal contributions in atomic-scale mechanics. His scientific breakthroughs have had huge impact on the world of materials engineering, and he led their commercialization in the USA: he created and developed the technique for nano-indentation for fine scale elastic and plastic deformation analysis of materials, thin films and coatings. He played a key role in the development of the atomic force microscope. And as Physical Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society, he has raised the profile of applied science and guided its policy work on climate change.

**András Schiff**

**András Schiff**, international pianist and conductor, is one of the most renowned interpreters of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann and Bartók in the world. He has recorded the complete piano sonatas and concertos of Mozart and Beethoven. He has won a plethora of awards including a Grammy for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance; the Bartok Prize; the Royal Academy of Music Bach Prize; the Wigmore Hall medal; and the rarely-awarded Golden Mozart Medal.
He has numerous honorary professorships and is committed to mentoring and supporting young musicians throughout the UK.

**Dr. Anthony Seldon**

Anthony Seldon is one of the most creative educationalists of his generation and a modern political historian of great distinction. He is a passionate advocate of educational improvement for all children: his current school, Wellington College, is sponsoring a challenging academy where he has personally taken up the executive headship. His many books include works on John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Number 10. He co-founded the Institute of Contemporary British History, Action for Happiness and is a governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**The Right Honorable (Arthur) Nicholas Soames MP**

Nicholas Soames has been a Sussex Member of Parliament for 30 years. He was Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and was later Minister of State for the Armed Forces. He has served on the Administration Committee of the House of Commons, the Joint on Consolidation of Bills and the Committee for Standards and Privileges. He is President of the Conservative Middle East Council and a Trustee of the Amber Foundation which helps disadvantaged young people.

**Professor Richard Sorabji CBE FBA**

Richard Sorabji is a leading scholar of the history of philosophy. He founded and directs one of the most ambitious international research projects in the humanities, the translation and editing of the ancient commentators on Aristotle, which recently celebrated its 100th volume. He has edited *The Philosophical Review* and served as President of the Aristotelian Society. More recently, he has contributed cross-cultural reflections, including a hard-hitting collection on *The Ethics of War*.

**Professor David Spiegelhalter OBE FRS**

David Spiegelhalter is a medical statistician who has played a leading role in developing simulation technologies and clinical trials on drug safety. He lectures, talks and writes widely: to school children, in newspapers and on radio. With his deep understanding of statistics and risk, he has supported the health service through many inquiries, including the public inquiry into children’s heart surgery at Bristol Royal Infirmary. As Winton Professor for the Public Understanding of Risk at Cambridge University he has made a significant difference to how to communicate with patients and the public about risk.