



# GTC Scotland Election 2019/2020

## Candidate Information and Election Statements

### Category I - Teachers (including headteachers) in Primary Schools or Nursery Schools in Scotland

(7 candidates)

- Please note:**
- 1 The following information has been provided by candidates. The Returning Officer is not responsible for the correctness or otherwise of any statement made by, or for any omission from the information provided in respect of, any candidate.
  - 2 The information shown indicates the post and educational establishment in which candidates were employed at 20 September 2019 in the election category for which they are seeking election.

Candidate	Post held at 20 September 2019	Educational establishment in which employed at 20 September 2019	Academic, Professional and Technical Qualifications held	Teaching Qualifications held
Kevin Brack 	Head Teacher	Oxgangs Primary School, Edinburgh	•	• BEd Primary (Hons)
<b>Election Statement</b>				
<p>I stand as a candidate, grateful to be supported by my union, the EIS.</p> <p>My career in primary teaching has involved a number of roles in Edinburgh and Dundee from class teacher, to Principal Teacher, Depute Head Teacher, Attainment Advisor and Headteacher.</p> <p>I am passionate about the value and importance of the GTCS in supporting and empowering our teaching profession and in ensuring that we continue to strengthen the role of the teacher within our system. If elected, I would strive to ensure that the voice of teachers and headteachers is at the heart of the work of the GTCS.</p>				

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Elaine Burt 	Class Teacher	St Patrick's Primary School, Shotts, Lanarkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEd Primary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postgraduate Physical Education</li> </ul>
<b>Election Statement</b>				
<p>I am currently on the EIS Committee of Management and through this role I am an EIS supported candidate for Council. I have a keen interest in ensuring there is equality and diversity within teaching whilst maintaining a high level of professionalism and adhering to the Standards for Registration. I hope that if I am elected to Council I can use my teacher voice to help those in the primary sector have a say and feel fully represented at Council level as well as share any newfound knowledge of the GTCS role in supporting members.</p>				

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Omar Kettlewell 	Class Teacher	Robert Smillie Memorial Primary School, Larkhall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEd in Philosophy with Children and Education Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEd Primary Education (Hons)</li> </ul>
<b>Election Statement</b>				
<p>I have worked in various stages across the primary school and developed various skills and interests, including early years practice, Philosophy with Children and curricular development. I am currently working alongside colleagues to broaden nurture provision within our establishment and am supporting our NQT this year. I have previously supported student teachers. I have always been interested in the work of GTCS, specifically in relation to professional accreditation of courses. I fully recognise the significance of the Standards for Registration and CLPL. Being a Council member would provide an opportunity to learn and contribute to the work of GTCS.</p>				

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<p data-bbox="143 312 338 344">Ben Horsburgh</p> 	<p data-bbox="521 312 703 344">Head Teacher</p>	<p data-bbox="916 312 1290 376">Prestonfield Primary School, Edinburgh</p>	<ul data-bbox="1312 312 1648 376" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSc Public Service Leadership (with SQH)</li> </ul>	<ul data-bbox="1727 312 2040 344" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEd Primary (Hons)</li> </ul>
<p data-bbox="521 448 779 480"><b>Election Statement</b></p>				
<p data-bbox="521 512 1435 544">I am currently the Head Teacher of Prestonfield Primary School in Edinburgh.</p> <p data-bbox="521 576 2063 608">I believe passionately in the power of teachers and the teaching profession to improve life chances for all our children and families.</p> <p data-bbox="521 639 864 671">Teachers make a difference.</p> <p data-bbox="521 703 2040 767">We need to ensure that our profession remains a valued part of Scottish society and, if elected, I would work hard to support and advance the independent work of the GTCS and uphold our Professional Values and Standards.</p> <p data-bbox="521 799 1805 831">I would take seriously the opportunity to support and promote our profession as part of the wider GTCS team.</p> <p data-bbox="521 863 663 895">Thank you.</p>				

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Joan Lennon 	ASN Teacher	Our Lady and St. Anne's, Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dip Ed (Primary)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEd Primary (Hons)</li> </ul>
<b>Election Statement</b>				
<p>As a teacher of over 40 years' experience, I seek election to GTCS Council as an EIS-supported candidate in the Primary Category. I am a firm believer in the value of GTCS as a body upholding our professional standards, thus ensuring that children in Scotland experience quality education. I am committed to promoting both sound learning for young people and the interests of teachers. If elected, I will endeavour to ensure that teacher voice is heard regarding key current issues such as ASN, teachers' health and wellbeing, social justice and equity within education and teaching for democratic citizenship.</p>				

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Adela Mansur	Class Teacher	Ratho Primary School, Edinburgh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSC Psychology with Human Biology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGDE Primary</li> </ul>
	<b>Election Statement</b>			
<p>I have served as an elected GTCS Council member since 2018. I also sit on its Professional Regulation and Assurance Committee. As an EIS-supported candidate I am standing for election again as I strongly believe that I contribute valuably to professional dialogue, ensuring that the voice of class teachers is fairly represented. I am committed to ensuring that standards for teachers are enhanced and protected. I bring to Council and Committee activity, common sense judgement and understanding of what impacts teachers daily. I continue to seek for all aspects of diversity, equality and fairness to be safeguarded and upheld.</p>				

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Ann Murdoch 	ASN Teacher	Avoch Primary School, Avoch, Inverness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA (Hons)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGCE</li> </ul>
<b>Election Statement</b>				
<p>I am seeking election as a Primary teacher member of the GTCS Council as I believe that it is vital our voices are heard.</p> <p>The GTCS is led and funded by its membership and so it is important that it understands any concerns or issues that we wish to raise. This is particularly relevant in light of cuts being made in education and the increased challenges we face as professionals as a result. I am an Additional Support Needs Teacher who sees first-hand how these budgetary constraints are impacting.</p> <p>Highland Local Association of EIS is supporting me in this election.</p>				