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## President's Comment 19

Dear Colleagues

Members of our Executive have various areas of responsibility and I think it is worthwhile for all members to know who represents our Association on various forums so that you know who to contact should you have a particular query. Details of the Executive's portfolios for 2008/09 are attached. I am sure you all appreciate the excellent work done by the Executive as they manage to fit this extra workload on top of their busy schedules as school Principals.

An article that appeared in *The Sunday Times* (UK) on 16 June by Simon Jenkins is one that I am sure many of you will enjoy. Titled "All that a school needs to succeed is a head who's good with a razor" Jenkins provides an insight into the bureaucratic impacts on school leadership in the UK. The article can be accessed via [www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/simon\\_jenkins/article4138290.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/simon_jenkins/article4138290.ece)

The school holidays are upon us and although most of you will no doubt be spending some time at your desk, it is important to have a break. For me there will be some golf and I leave you with a couple of golfing thoughts:

*"An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse."*

*"If you do find that you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the cold, even in the snow, here's a valuable tip. Your life is in trouble."*

Enjoy the holiday.

**Peter Gall**  
**SPANZ President**