



Northern Arch
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Membership

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Members (article 12)

- the members of the academy trust shall comprise the signatories to the memorandum and any person appointed under article 15A, provided that at any time the minimum number of members shall not be less than three
- the members may agree by passing a special resolution to appoint such additional members as they think fit (article 15A)

	appointment date
1. Iain Clyde	1 April 2024
2. Keith Bernstone	1 September 2020
3. Nicola Myers	1 April 2024
4. Robert Bell	10 November 2022
5. Vacancy	

Board of Trustees: Northern Arch Learning Partnership

- the number of trustees shall not be less than three (unless determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum (article 45)

Member appointed Directors (article 50)

- the members may appoint by ordinary resolution up to 8 trustees

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Iain Clyde (Chair)	1 April 2024	31 March 2028
2. Mavis Lord	1 April 2024	31 March 2028
3. Professor Graham Wynn	1 April 2024	31 March 2028
4. Geoff Liddle	2 November 2024	1 November 2028
5. Zoe Beach	9 January 2023	8 January 2027
6. Tarryn Lloyd Payne	3 October 2024	2 October 2028
7. Asma Shaffi (Vice Chair)	1 October 2025	30 September 2029
8. Vacancy		

Chief executive officer (article 57)

- providing that the chief executive officer agrees so to act, the members may by ordinary resolution appoint the chief executive officer as a trustee

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Tim Fisher	ex. officio	ex. officio

Co-opted Trustees (article 58)

- the trustees may appoint co-opted trustees
- a co-opted trustee means any person who is appointed to be a trustee by being co-opted by trustees who have not themselves been so appointed
- the trustees may not co-opt an employee of the academy trust as a co-opted trustee if thereby the number of trustees who are employees of the academy trust would exceed one third of the total number of trustees including the chief executive officer to the extent that he or she is a trustee

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date

Committees of the Board of Directors

- the membership of any committee of the trustees may include persons who are not trustees, provided that (with the exception of the local governing bodies) a majority of members of any such committee shall be trustees
- except in the case of the Local Governing Body, no vote on any matter shall be taken at a meeting of a committee of the trustees unless the majority of the members present are trustees

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee	Standards
1. Mavis Lord (Chair)	1. Iain Clyde (Vice-Chair)
2. Geoff Liddle (Vice-Chair)	2. Tarryn Lloyd Payne
3. Tarryn Lloyd Payne	3. Zoe Beach (Chair)
4. Tim Fisher	4. Professor Graham Wynn
5. Iain Clyde	5. Tim Fisher

People & Environment Committee (incorporating Pay & Review)
1. Iain Clyde
2. Zoe Beach (Vice Chair)
3. Tarryn Lloyd Payne (Chair)
4. Mavis Lord
5. Asma Shaffi

Director Specific Responsibilities: Northern Arch Learning Partnership

Safeguarding & welfare	Iain Clyde
Special educational needs (SEN) / SEMH	Zoe Beach
Careers	Professor Graham Wynn

The Chair of the Board of Directors of NALP can be contacted as follows: c/o, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Vane Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7AU or via e-mail iclyde@nalp.org.uk

Local Governing Body: Hurworth School

Headteacher / Head of School

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Rachel Somerville	01 September 2022	ex. officio

General

- appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Peter Snowden (Vice Chair)	10 April 2025	9 April 2029
2. Martin Stand (Chair)	08 July 2022	07 July 2026
3. Victoria Stone	15 December 2023	14 December 2027
4. Tracy Metcalfe	15 December 2023	14 December 2027
5. Marcus Dempsey	3 October 2024	2 October 2028

Parent Governors

- two elected by parents / carers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Aylsa Nugent	4 October 2022	3 October 2026
2. Louise McCann	30 November 2023	29 November 2027

Teaching Staff Governors

- two elected by teachers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Cath Lawrence	09 May 2022	08 May 2026
2. Sam McGuire	03 March 2025	02 March 2029

Support Staff Governors

- one elected by support staff

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Vacancy		

The Chair of the Local Governing Body of Hurworth School can be contacted as follows: c/o L. Hawksby (Governance & Policy Officer), Hurworth School, Croft Road, Hurworth on Tees, Darlington, DL2 2JG, or via e-mail lhawksby@nalg.org.uk

Local Governing Body: The Rydal Academy

Headteacher / Head of School

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. John Armitage	1 March 2018	ex. officio

General

- appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Mark Gray (Chair)	1 March 2022	28 February 2026
2. Joanne Keane	03 March 2025	02 March 2029
3. Johanna Thurland (Vice Chair)	7 November 2022	6 November 2026
4. Eddy Gnago	03 March 2025	02 March 2029
5. Vacancy		

Parent Governors

- two elected by parents / carers (*appointed in accordance with Article 54 and 54A)

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Gaurav Bhatia*	15 February 2022	14 February 2026
2. Troy Turner*	3 October 2024	2 October 2028

Teaching Staff Governors

- two elected by teachers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Katie Turnbull	1 March 2022	28 February 2026
2. Melanie Chapman	15 January 2026	14 January 2030

Support Staff Governors

- one elected by support staff

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Joanna Reed	22 May 2025	21 May 2029

The Chair of the Local Governing Body of The Rydal Academy can be contacted as follows: c/o L.Hawksby (Governance & Policy Officer) The Rydal Academy, Rydal Road, Darlington, DL1 4BH, or via e-mail lhawksby@nalp.org.uk

Local Governing Body: Longfield School

Headteacher / Head of School

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Angela Sweeten	25 April 2022	ex. officio

General

- appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Nicola Bales (Chair)	11 March 2024	10 March 2028
2. Blake Harrison	29 September 2025	28 September 2029
3. Jonathon Reay	12 January 2026	11 January 2030
4. Vacancy		
5. Vacancy		

Parent Governors

- two elected by parents / carers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Stephen Goodman	8 March 2024	7 March 2028
2. Tanya Singh (Vice Chair)	3 October 2022	2 October 2026

Teaching Staff Governors

- two appointed by trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Victoria Foster	1 September 2024	31 August 2028
2. Vacancy		

Support Staff Governors

- one appointed by trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Angela Cleasby	1 September 2024	31 August 2028

The Chair of the Local Governing Body of Longfield School can be contacted as follows: c/o L.Hawksby (Governance & Policy Officer) Longfield School, Longfield Road, Darlington, DL3 0HT, or via e-mail lhawksby@nalg.org.uk

Local Governing Body: Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

Principal

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Laurence Job	15 th April 2024	ex. officio

General

- appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Calvin Kipling (Chair)	1 April 2024	31 March 2028
2. John McCann (Vice Chair)	8 December 2024	7 December 2028
3. Ellie Chapman	27 June 2024	26 June 2028
4. Debbie Knivett	3 October 2024	2 October 2028
5. Vacancy		

Parent Governors

- two elected by parents / carers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Julie Taylor	03 March 2025	02 March 2029
2. Iyabo Omolara Akindunbi	10 April 2025	09 April 2029

Teaching Staff Governors

- two elected by teachers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Vicky Snowball	9 March 2023	8 March 2027
2. Joe Cooke	27 June 2024	26 June 2028

Support Staff Governors

- one elected by support staff

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Rachael Duff	8 December 2022	7 December 2026

The Chair of the Local Governing Body of The Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College can be contacted as follows: c/o L. Hawksby (Governance & Policy Officer), Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Vane Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7AU, or via e-mail lhawksby@nalg.org.uk

Local Governing Body: Mowden Schools

Head Teacher

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Lexi Wilkinson	1 September 2025	ex. officio

General

- appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Paul Freeman (Chair)	26 April 2022	25 April 2026
2. Ben Hall (Vice Chair)	1 April 2022	31 March 2026
3. Sarah Heslop	17 February 2025	16 February 2029
4. Danielle James	1 March 2025	28 February 2029
5. Jonathon Reay	3 May 2022	2 May 2026
6. Jackie Saint	28 March 2022	27 March 2026
7. Vacancy		
8. Vacancy		

Parent Governors

- two elected by parents / carers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Rebecca Foster-Snook	9 October 2023	8 October 2027
2. Helen Livingstone	22 September 2022	21 September 2026

Teaching Staff Governors

- two elected by teachers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Michelle Dunwell	30 January 2023	29 January 2027
2. Vacancy		

Support Staff Governor

- one elected by support staff

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Vacancy		

The Chair of the Local Governing Body of Mowden Schools can be contacted as follows: c/o L.Hawksby (Governance & Policy Officer), Bushel Hill Drive, Darlington, Co.Durham DL3 9QG or via e-mail lhawksby@nalg.org.uk

Members, Directors and Governors resignations / expired terms of office over the last 12 months:

Members

Derek Bell, resigned 14 October 2025 (appointed 13 May 2019)

Board of Trustees

Michael Garmston, resigned 1 March 2025 (Term of office commenced 28 September 2024 appointed by Members)

Emma Chawner, resigned 31 August 2025 (Term of office commenced 1 April 2024 appointed by Members)

Hurworth School

Nick Gawthorpe, term of office expired 17 September 2024 (Term of office commenced 18 September 2020 elected by school staff)

Mick Hatton, resigned 23 October 2024 (Term of office commenced 9 July 2021 appointed by Trustees)

Lucy Clark, resigned 11 April 2025 (term of office commenced 18 September 2024 elected by school staff)

The Rydal Academy

Laura Hudson, resigned 3 November 2024 (Term of office commenced 31 March 2023 appointed by Trustees)

Kelly Nicholson, resigned 2 March 2025 (Term of office commenced 27 September 2023 appointed by Trustees)

Ewa Kaszuba, resigned 21 March 2025 (Term of office commenced 29 June 2022 elected by school staff)

Tracy Vaughan, resigned 26 October 2025 (Term of office commenced 19 June 2023)

Melanie Chapman, term of office expired 31 December 2025 (Term of office commenced 1 January 2021 elected by school staff.)

Longfield Academy

Sarah Kelly, resigned 17 December 2024 (Term of office commenced 5 December 2022 appointed by Trustees.)

Laura Snowdon, resigned 15 March 2025 (Term of office commenced 3 October 2024 appointed by Trustees.)

Vicky Maddison, resigned 20 May 2025 (Term of office commenced 7 November 2022 appointed by Trustees.)

Andrew Brown, resigned 31 August 2025 (Term of office commenced 7 July 2023 elected by school staff)

Lisa Morehead, resigned 30 September 2025 (Term of office commenced 23 October 2023 elected by Trustees.)

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

David Warman, resigned 7 December 2024 (Term of office commenced 1 April 2024 appointed by Trustees)

Tracey Tyler, resigned 3 June 2025 (Term of office commenced 29 September 2024 appointed by Trustees.)

Mowden Schools

Peter King – ex-officio term of office ended 31 August 2025 (Term of office commenced 1 March 2025)

Diane Turner, resigned 11 November 2025 (Term of office commenced 28 March 2022 elected by Trustees.)

Nick Bowerman, resigned 19 November 2025 (Term of office commenced 10 October 2022 elected by Trustees.)