

Astrea Academy Trust - Governance Statutory Information 2025-26

Trustees

Name	Appointed	Term End Date	Employment, Appointments and Directorships	Non-profit Membership	Other Education Appointments
Chris Rossiter	07/12/18	06/12/26	Director of Governance and Compliance, Liberty Academy Trust; Deputy Director of Global Operations Lumos Foundation Trustee, OCN London	Member, British Psychological Society Fellow, Royal Society of Arts Associate Member, Centre for Evidence-Based Management (CEBMA) Independent member, Institute of Occupational Safety and Health	Chair of Governors, Thames Valley School
Tesca Bennett	07/05/19	07/05/27	Executive Principal, Haberdashers' Askes Federation Trust Trustee, The BRIT School	Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Board (from Sep 2018) Academy member, Schools' Forum (from 2019) Strategic Project Board, Lewisham Secondary Challenge (from Sep 2017) Chair, Lewisham Secondary Headteachers' Forum (from Sep 2017) Lewisham Inclusion Board (from Sep 2016) Atlas Teaching School Alliance Partnership Board (from 2015)	Director (unremunerated), The Teaching Awards Trust (from September 2021)
Ben Brown	01/09/21	31/08/29	Head of UKI, Optoma Ltd	None declared.	Vice-Chair of Governors, Eastfield Academy
Peter Burrows	01/09/21	31/08/29	Chief Executive, The Cambridge Building Society	Trustee, The Cambridge Building Society Community Fund ICAEW	Member, Advisory Board to Loughborough University Business School
Faye Craster	01/09/21	31/08/29	Executive Director, Steplab	None declared.	Initial Teacher Training Advisor, DfE; Ofsted Inspector – Teacher Development
Meesha Warmington	01/10/23	31/09/27	Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of Sheffield; Co-Director for The Centre for Equity & Inclusion, University of Sheffield; Co-lead of the Inequality and Intersectionality workstream, Healthy Lifespan Institute, University of Sheffield;	Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy	None declared.

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			Independent Chair of the Health and Safety Executive Research Ethics Panel. Director, Woven Consult Limited.		
Marina Muirhead	01/07/24	30/06/28	Programme Director for Council Wide Transformation, Swindon Local Authority QAA Consultancy Limited	None	None declared.
Penny Alford	01/09/25	31/08/29	Deputy CEO, Bourne Education Trust	ASCL, CST	Surrey Alliance for Education (Director from September 2025)
Duncan Cooper	01/09/25	31/08/29	Deputy CEO, Anglian Learning	ASCL	None declared.
Claudia Bickford-Smith	01/09/25	31/08/29	CEO, Aldates Global Education	Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts	Governor, Meldreth Primary School, UK; Greene's Tutorial Education Ltd; Greene's Tutorial College; Kingsley Education Ltd; Kingsley School Bideford Enterprises Ltd; KSI HKS Ltd Non-Exec Director, Roedean School, South Africa E Assessment Association: judge and Chair of panels for International e-assessment awards Member of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Professional Community Member of Board of Advisors, Uttama Trust, India Steering Group Member of the interdisciplinary group on Digital Technology and AI in Education, University of Oxford's Department of Education
<i>Former Trustees Serving Within the Last 12 Months (not applicable as at 1st September, 2024)</i>					
Bill McHugh	01/10/23	12/09/25	Cultural and Transformation Lead, Doncaster Council	None declared.	None declared.
Kim Duff	01/12/23	31/08/25	None declared.	NAHT	DRET Appointed Governor at Malcom Arnold Academy

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Louise Cooper	01/09/21	31/08/25	Chief Operating Officer, The BRIT School	FRSA	Member, Maritime Community Foundation
Nick Cragg	25/09/17	24/09/25	None declared.	Llanddewi Rhydderch Village Hall Trust; Freeman, Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire; Liveryman, Company of Pewterers, London.	None declared.

No Trustees declared interests in the following categories: Astrea Connections; Related Party Transactions; Gifts and Hospitality; Contractual Interests; Shareholdings and Investments. No declarations have been made in respect of those with close family relationships.

Members

Name	Appointed	Employment, Appointments and Directorships	Non-profit Membership	Other Education Appointments
Val Wass	01/08/18	Trustee St Michaels Fellowship, Lambeth Trustee, Medical School Council UK Assessment Alliance World Organisation Family Medicine Doctors (WONCA): - Hon Treasurer and Member-at-Large, Executive Board	Fellow Royal College of General Practitioners Fellow Royal College of Physicians Fellow Association Medical Educators (AoME) and Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME) Member GMC and Royal Society Medicine	Emeritus Professor of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine and Health, Keele University Professor of Medical Education in Primary Care, The School of Medicine, Aberdeen University International Advisory consultancy in UK at Queen Mary's University Belfast, University of Central Lancashire and at the University Ljubljana, Slovenia Governor, South Hampstead High School Chair WHO Academy working group on assessment
John Doyle	01/03/19	None declared	None declared	Trustee, Sheffield South East Trust Trustee, Cavendish Learning Trust Chair of Trustees, Minerva Learning Trust
Anne Moller	01/07/20	Temporary contract for authoring product for Hodder Education to support the syllabus for Global Perspectives from CAIE Trustee of Mankoadze Vocational Centre, Central Region, Ghana.	None declared	None declared
Robert Tombs	20/07/20	Fellow, St John's College, Cambridge	Director (unpaid), History Reclaimed Co-editor(unpaid), Briefings for Britain	Emeritus Professor of French History, University of Cambridge
Gina Heaton	01/09/24	None declared	None declared	None declared
<i>Former Members Serving Within the Last 12 Months</i>				
Jonathan Simons	28/03/17 – 31/08/24	Director, Public First Trustee, Education Development Trust	Advisory Council Member, Parents and Teachers for Excellence	Chair of Local Governing Body, Ark Greenwich Free School Vice chair, Ambition School Leadership / Institute for Teaching Trustee, Anthem Multi Academy Trust
Simon Gregory	01/09/21 – 30/09/23	<i>Deputy Medical Director, Primary and Integrated Care, Health Education England General Practitioner, King Edward Road Surgery, Northampton Fellow, Homerton College Cambridge Honorary Professor, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia Visiting Professor, Anglia Ruskin Medical School/ University Trustee, Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).</i>	<i>Fellow of RCGP, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Academy of Medical Educators, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management, Higher Education Academy and Royal Society of Arts. Member of RCGP Overdiagnosis Group Board Member, Maggie's Centre, Northampton Co-Chair of Post Graduate Committee of AMEE</i>	<i>None declared.</i>

No Members declared interests in the following categories: Astrea Connections; Related Party Transactions; Gifts and Hospitality; Contractual Interests; Shareholdings and Investments.

Accounting Officer

Name	Appointed	Employment, Appointments and Directorships	Other Education Appointments	Gifts and Hospitality
Rowena Hackwood	13/07/20	<p>Role-based:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair (unpaid), The Queen Street Group • Elected Member (unpaid), Policy Advisory Group, Confederation of School Trusts • Appointed advisory board member (unpaid), Yorkshire & Humber Advisory Board <p>External – unpaid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair (unpaid), East Midlands Netball • Chair (unpaid), Volleyball England <p>External – paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearson Education Advisory Committee (paid) 	<p>DfE Regional Board</p> <p>CST Policy Advisory Committee</p> <p>Co-Chair, Doncaster Education Alliance</p> <p>Member of exec, Cambridgeshire CEO Network</p> <p>Ad hoc advisor, Schools Partnership Alliance</p>	<p>Jan 2025 – dinner paid for by AQA, approx. value £40</p> <p>Sept 2025 - gift to the value of £40, CEO Halliard Trust</p> <p>Oct 2025 – dinner paid for by QSG, approx. Value £50</p> <p>Oct 2025 - Edurio party at CST conference, approx. value £20pp.</p> <p>Oct 2025 – CJK dinner, approx. Value £50</p> <p>Dec 2025 – Hotel Chocolat gift from, GovNet, approx. value £50</p>

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