

NCEA Duke's Secondary School

Register of interests 2025-2026

This report contains the register of interests for:

- Current governing board
- Historical positions

Current governing board

Name and appointment	Confirmed	Interests			
		Organisation	Type of interest	Notes	From
Name: Rus Atkinson Appointment: Academy Principal Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: Ex-Officio	<i>Nothing to Declare:</i> 30/09/2025	-	-	-	-
Name: Sharon Cole Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 01/09/2022 Term of office end: 31/08/2026 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Confirmed:</i> 18/11/2025	NCEA Duke's Secondary School/NCEA Grace Darling Primary School	Other governance role	I am a governor on both governing bodies as stated above	01/01/2022 -
Name: Su Fletcher Appointment: Staff (Teaching) Governor Term of office start: 01/09/2022 Term of office end: 31/08/2026 Appointed by: Staff Elect	<i>Confirmed:</i> 02/09/2025	-	None	No declarations to make.	-
Name: Sharon Foster Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 17/02/2025 Term of office end: 16/02/2029 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Nothing to Declare:</i> 11/03/2025	-	-	-	-
Name: Helen Freeman Appointment: Parent governor Term of office start: 26/09/2022 Term of office end: 25/09/2026 Appointed by: Parent Elect	<i>Confirmed:</i> 30/09/2025	Dukes Secondary School	Personal or close family relationship	I am a teacher at the school responsible for PSHE and I am the Senior Mental Health Lead. I also have a son in Year 9.	-
Name: Helen Freeman Appointment: Parent governor Term of office start: 26/09/2022 Term of office end: 25/09/2026 Appointed by: Parent Elect	<i>Confirmed:</i> 30/09/2025	Dukes Secondary School	Personal or close family relationship	I have a son now in Y10 and I teach at Dukes. (PSHE	-
Name: David Griffith-Owen Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 31/10/2022 Term of office end: 30/10/2026 Appointed by: Trustees	<i>Nothing to Declare:</i> 18/11/2025	-	-	-	-
Name: Sam Lothead Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 01/09/2024 Term of office end: 31/08/2028 Appointed by: PCC	<i>Confirmed:</i> 30/09/2025	Church of England/Diocese of Newcastle	Employment	As a stipendiary member of clergy currently serving as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Seaton Hirst I rely on the Church of England/Diocese of Newcastle in terms of my income and housing whilst acting in this role. This also means I have particular connections with two local churches (St John's and St Andrew's) which I help to run alongside the parish's Parochial Church Council (PCC).	22/07/2024 -
Name: Martin Preston Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 13/09/2022 Term of office end: 12/09/2026 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Nothing to Declare:</i> 12/09/2025	-	-	-	-
Name: Emma Simm Appointment: Parent governor Term of office start: 17/02/2025 Term of office end: 16/02/2029 Appointed by: Parent Elect	<i>Nothing to Declare:</i> 07/08/2025	-	-	-	-
Name: Warick Stephenson Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 30/05/2023 Term of office end: 29/05/2027 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Confirmed:</i> 18/11/2025	Northumberland college	Business or finance interests	post 16 education / 6th at DUKES	24/09/2024 31/07/2025
Name: Jason Tasker Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 03/03/2025 Term of office end: 02/03/2027 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Confirmed:</i> 18/11/2025		Sister in Law	Teacher at Thomas Bewick	-
Name: Jason Tasker Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 03/03/2025 Term of office end: 02/03/2027 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Confirmed:</i> 18/11/2025		Child	In year 6 of Bishops	05/09/2023 -
Name: Jason Tasker Appointment: Appointed governor Term of office start: 03/03/2025 Term of office end: 02/03/2027 Appointed by: Trust Board	<i>Confirmed:</i> 18/11/2025		Child	Year 10 Dukes Secondary School	20/03/2025 -