



# **HORIZONS SPECIALIST ACADEMY TRUST**

## **REGISTER OF BUSINESS AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS**

**2025-2026**

## MEMBERS 2025-2026

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
Professor Adam Boddison OBE	10.12.21		Members	<p><b>Name of business</b> - Adam Boddison Consulting  <b>Nature of business</b> – Education Consultancy  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Managing Director</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – A Noble Gift  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Charity tech fundraising  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Advisory Board Member</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Grant Genie  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – AI grant finding platform  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Managing Director</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Greyfly.AI  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – AI Consulting  <b>Nature of interest</b> – NED</p>	<p>April 2007</p> <p>July 2024</p> <p>April 2023</p> <p>September 2025</p>	
Professor Ian R Cunningham	31.08.17		Members	INFORMATION TO FOLLOW		
Linda G Laidler	01.09.21		Members	<p><b>Name of business</b> – Sheraton Choices  <b>Nature of business</b> – Subsidiary of HSAT</p>	2013	

## MEMBERS 2025-2026

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				Nature of interest – Director		
James Bromiley	07.10.24		Members	<p><b>Name of business</b> – North Tees &amp; Hartlepool NHS Trust  <b>Nature of business</b> – NHS  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employee</p> <p><b>Name of business</b> – South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust  <b>Nature of business</b> – NHS  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employee</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – East Durham College  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – FE  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Chair</p>	<p>February 2023</p> <p>February 2023</p> <p>August 2015</p>	

### TRUSTEES 2025-2026

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Term of office	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
David Walker MBE	01.09.19		01.09.23-31.08.27	Board of Trustees	<p><b>Name of business</b> – Bath &amp; Wells MAT  <b>Nature of business</b> – Education  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employee</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – IRIS Learning Trust  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Trust  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Trustee  <b>Relationship (where held by a relative)</b> – Spouse is CEO of Iris Learning Trust</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Barnes Academy Trust  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Trust  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Trustee</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Tudhoe Learning Trust  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Trust  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Member</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Brighter Academy Trust  <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Trust  <b>Nature of interest</b> – Trustee</p>	<p>01.09.23</p> <p>01.09.22</p> <p>11.07.23</p> <p>01.02.22</p> <p>12.05.22</p>	
Anna Jane Ward	03.10.22		03.10.22-02.10.26	Board of Trustees	NIL		

## TRUSTEES 2025-2026

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Term of office	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
Alastair James Thompson	01.10.24		01.10.24-30.09.28	Board of Trustees	<b>Name of business</b> - Channel 3 Consulting Limited <b>Nature of business</b> - Management consultancy which provides services to councils, NHS and other public service bodies <b>Nature of interest</b> - Partner	23.04.25	
Maurice Davison Jones	12.07.13		12.07.25-11.07.29	Members	<b>Name of organisation</b> – West Park Academy <b>Nature of organisation</b> – School <b>Nature of interest</b> – Governor  <b>Name of organisation</b> – Galileo Trust <b>Nature of organisation</b> – MAT <b>Nature of interest</b> – Member  <b>Name of organisation</b> – La Bastille Ltd <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Property owner <b>Nature of interest</b> – Director	2021  2020  2008	
David New	01.09.21		01.09.25-31.08.29	Members	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Ad Astra <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Multi Academy Trust <b>Nature of interest</b> - Trustee	21.07.23	
Dr Baxi Neeraj Prasad Sinha	16.12.18		16.12.22-15.12.26	Members	<b>Name of business</b> - NHS	January 2007	

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					<b>Nature of business</b> – Mental Health & LD <b>Nature of interest</b> – Consultant Psychiatrist & Deputy Medical Director  <b>Name of organisation</b> – Hindu Cultural Society of Cleveland <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Charity <b>Nature of interest</b> - Trustee	27.12.20	
Colin James Whittaker	12.07.13		12.07.25-11.07.29	Members	NIL		
Christopher Horn	01.02.25		01.02.25-31.01.29	Members	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Durham County Council <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Local Authority <b>Nature of interest</b> – Education provision	September 2024	
Bridget Mary Elizabeth Watt	03.03.25		03.03.25-02.03.29	Members	NIL		

### ACCOUNTING OFFICER 2025-2026

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
Rebecca Amy Whelan	01.01.26		Information to follow		

Trustees who have stepped down from their role, who have served at any point over the past 12 months

<b>TRUSTEES 2025-2026</b>							
<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	<b>Date stepped down</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Date interest began</b>	<b>Date interest ceased (if applicable)</b>
Elizabeth Anne Horne CBE  (CEO & Accounting Officer)	12.07.13	31.12.25	24.05.21-	Members	<b>Name of business</b> – Sheraton Choices Ltd <b>Nature of business</b> – Trading Subsidiary (dormant) <b>Nature of interest</b> – Director  <b>Name of organisation</b> – IRIS Learning Trust <b>Nature of organisation</b> - Education <b>Nature of interest</b> - Trustee  <b>Name of individual</b> – Thomas Raymond Murphy <b>Position in the Trust</b> – Governor <b>Relationship</b> – Spouse	October 2013    23.09.24   31.01.24	28.11.25

## GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (COMPLEX NEEDS) 2025-2026

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Term of office	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
Christopher Aitkin	01.09.20		25.04.24-24.04.27	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	NIL		
Elizabeth Anne Hobson	01.05.23		01.05.25-30.04.28	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	NIL		
Jamie Yarker	25.04.24		25.04.24-24.04.27	Parents – Parent Governor	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Kirkleatham Hall School <b>Nature of organisation</b> – SEND School <b>Nature of interest</b> – Governor	February 2026	
Charles Edward Jones	27.11.24		27.11.24-26.11.27	Parents – Parent Governor	<b>Name of individual</b> – Child <b>Position in Trust</b> – Student at HSAT <b>Relationship</b> – Child		
Matthew Davies	07.05.24		07.05.24-06.05.27	Board of Trustees – Parent Governor	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Snainton Church of England Primary School <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Education <b>Nature of interest</b> – Headteacher and Governor	September 2018	
Catherine Jackson	01.09.22		01.09.25-31.08.26	Board of Trustees – Staff Governor	NIL		
Mark Harrison	10.05.23		10.05.25-09.05.26	Board of Trustees – Staff Governor	<b>Name of individual</b> – Hannah Neville <b>Position in Trust</b> – GTA <b>Relationship</b> – Partner		

**GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (COMPLEX NEEDS) 2025-2026**

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Term of office	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
Leigh Beaumont	01.09.25		01.09.25-31.08.26	Board of Trustees – Challenge Governor	<b>Name of individual</b> – Tracey Beaumont <b>Position in the Trust</b> – HLTA at Abbey Hill Academy <b>Relationship</b> – Wife		

Academy Council Complex Needs Governors who have stepped down from their role, who have served at any point over the past 12 months

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Julie Sandra Sheppard	21.10.24	31.08.25	21.10.24-20.10.27	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	<b>Name of business</b> – Plant + Product Services Ltd <b>Nature of business</b> – Supplier <b>Nature of interest</b> – Husband owns business <b>Relationship</b> – Husband <b>Name of organisation</b> – Elevate Multi Academy Trust <b>Nature of organisation</b> – MAT <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employed as Deputy CEO	2017       01.10.23	
David Penny	10.05.23	31.08.25	10.05.25-09.05.26	Board of Trustees – Challenge Governor	NIL		
Thomas Raymond Murphy	31.01.24	28.11.25	31.01.24-30.01.27	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	<b>Name of individual</b> – Elizabeth Anne Horne CBE <b>Position in the Trust</b> – CEO <b>Relationship</b> – Spouse	31.01.24	



**GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (PRIMARY SEMH / NEURODIVERSITY) 2025-2026**

Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Term of office	Appointed by	Nature of interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
					<p><b>Nature of interest</b> – Chair of LGB</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – Stockton LA Virtual School</p> <p><b>Nature of organisation</b> – LA Virtual School</p> <p><b>Nature of interest</b> – Governor</p>	01.09.2024	

Academy Council Primary SEMH / Neurodiversity Governors who have stepped down from their role, who have served at any point over the past 12 months

<b>GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (PRIMARY SEMH / NEURODIVERSITY) 2025-2026</b>							
<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	<b>Date stepped down</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Date interest began</b>	<b>Date interest ceased (if applicable)</b>
Jane Beattie	25.04.22	30.01.25	25.04.24-24.04.27	Board of Trustees – Parent Governor	Due to resignation, a new form was not received.		

**GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (SECONDARY SEMH / NEURODIVERSITY) 2025-2026**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	<b>Date stepped down</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Date interest began</b>	<b>Date interest ceased (if applicable)</b>
Alexa Lang	01.01.20		01.01.24-31.12.26	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Education Training Collective <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Post 16 FE College <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employee – Group High Needs Manager	October 2006	
Mary M Denham	01.09.19		01.09.25-31.08.28	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	NIL		
Sarah Rule	31.01.24		31.01.24-30.01.27	Board of Trustees – Parent Governor	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Errington Primary School <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Education <b>Nature of interest</b> – Governor  <b>Name of organisation</b> – Outwood Bydales <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Education <b>Nature of interest</b> – Governor  <b>Name of organisation</b> – Magistrate <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Law and decision making <b>Nature of interest</b> – Justice of the Peace (JP)	01.09.2025  01.03.2023  01.04.2025	
Clare McCarthy	22.09.22		22.09.25-21.09.26	Board of Trustees – Staff Governor	NIL		

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Kathryn Thompson	01.09.21		01.09.25-31.08.26	Board of Trustees – Challenge Governor	NIL		

Academy Council Secondary SEMH / Neurodiversity Governors who have stepped down from their role, who have served at any point over the past 12 months

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Dr Joanne Mowbray	15.11.22	14.11.25	15.11.22-14.11.25	Board of Trustees – Parent Governor	Due to the end of term of office, a new form was not received.		

**GOVERNORS - ACADEMY COUNCIL (SECONDARY SEMH / AP) 2025-2026**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	<b>Date stepped down</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Date interest began</b>	<b>Date interest ceased (if applicable)</b>
Andrew Woolf	01.09.21		01.09.25-31.08.28	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	<b>Name of organisation</b> – Skelton Primary School <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Education <b>Nature of interest</b> – Employee and staff governor  <b>Name of organisation</b> – Cleveland Scout Council <b>Nature of organisation</b> – Scout Charity <b>Nature of interest</b> – Trustee	September 2008  September 2020	
Teresa Jane Bonner	08.11.24		08.11.24-07.11.27	Parents – Parent Governor	NIL		
Christine Newton	01.09.21		01.09.25-31.08.26	Board of Trustees – Staff Governor	NIL		
Stephen Thomas	26.04.23		26.04.25-25.04.26	Board of Trustees – Challenge Governor	<b>Name of business</b> – Westlands Academy <b>Nature of business</b> – Part of HSAT <b>Nature of interest</b> – Principal  <b>Name of individual</b> – Julie Thomas <b>Position in the Trust</b> – AVP Abbey Hill Academy <b>Relationship</b> – Wife	01.09.2022	

Academy Council Secondary SEMH / AP Governors who have stepped down from their role, who have served at any point over the past 12 months

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Andrew Parsons	01.09.21	31.08.25	01.09.23-31.08.25	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	NIL		
Sophie Ascough	21.03.23	20.03.25	21.03.23-20.03.25	Board of Trustees – Co-opted Governor	<p><b>Name of business</b> – MIMA, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Part of Teesside University</p> <p><b>Nature of business</b> – University</p> <p><b>Nature of interest</b> – Assistant Learning Curator</p> <p><b>Name of organisation</b> – National Saturday Club</p> <p><b>Nature of organisation</b> – Registered Charity</p> <p><b>Nature of interest</b> – Tutor’s Advisory Board Member</p> <p><b>Name of individual</b> – Alison Ascough</p> <p><b>Position in the Trust</b> – Governance Operations Manager</p> <p><b>Relationship</b> – Parent</p>	June 2022	May 2024