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Governor	Role	Date Appointed	Appointing Body	Business Declarations	Other declarations	Term of Office
Jamie Maclean	Headteacher Ex-officio Governor	01/09/2026	Ex-officio by virtue of office of Headteacher	None	Safeguarding Lead for St. Stephens Church, Canterbury Trustee, The Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 22.09.26)	Not recorded
Dr. Marianne Highwood	Chair of Governors Community Governor	13/03/2019	Appointed by GB/Board	Honorary Senior Lecturer, Canterbury Christchurch University (from 30th September 2025) University Lecturer, Christchurch University (until July 2025) Spouse - Director of S W Highwood (Pluckley) Ltd	None	12/03/2027
Tom Saville	Vice Chair of Governors Chair of HR Committee Community Governor	03/06/2019	Appointed by GB/Board	None	None	02/10/2027
James Dearden	Chair of Finance and Audit & Risk Committee H&S Link Governor	27/03/2023	Appointed by GB/Board	Director 7 Millenium Drive E14 RTM Company. Director The Millennium Drive Management Company (19.05.14)	Director Care Trust Foundation (18.12.19) Chair of Governors Smeeth Primary School (01.08.17) Chair of Governors Chilham St Mary's Church of England Primary School (28.08.24) Wife is office manager at the school	26/03/2027
Anna Lawrence	Chair of Education Committee Community Governor	14.10.25	Appointed by GB/Board	HAILSHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMY TRUST, Director, May 2025	1/ Chair of Local Governing Body The Holmesdale School, Swale Academies Trust Malling Rd, Snodland ME6 5BT	13.10.29

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				Sole trader: Anna K. Lawrence Focus: Education Start September 2022	2/ Chair of the Ashford Inclusion Panel	
Salena Hirons	Parent Governor	05/12/2022	Elected by Parents	None	Headteacher Fort Pitt (Beyond Schools Academy Trust) (01.01.24)	04/12/2026
Charlotte Burke	Parent Governor	05/12/2022	Elected by Parents	None	None	04/12/2026
Jyoti Patel	SEND & PP Link Governor Community Governor	21/05/24	Appointed by GB/Board	Director: J Patel Properties Limited (15.07.17)	None	20/05/2028
Matt Dickenson	Teaching Staff Governor	24.09.24	Elected by staff	None	None	23.09.28
Janette Makin	Support staff Governor Link Governor EDI	24.09.24	Elected by staff	None	None	23.09.28
Huw Gronow	Safeguarding Link Governor Co-Opted Governor	08.10.24	Appointed by GB/Board	None	Blackheath Rugby Limited, Company Secretary, commenced 19 July 2019 WELL HALL LOAN NOTEHOLDERS LIMITED (16737373) Company Secretary from 23/9/25 Elected officer (Hon Secretary) of Blackheath Football Club Limited, a co-operative and community benefit Society registered as a mutual with the FCA, from 9 July 2019 Trustee of the Blackheath Rugby Charitable Trust (Charity number: 1173677). From 01 February 2026	07.10.28

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David Gordon-Young	Co-Opted Governor Careers link governor	11.02.25	Appointed by GB/Board	Employment by a political party from 17/8/26	Holds a governance role in a political organisation (declared) 29/11/2024-Present Coopted Governor Phoenix Primary School (from 14.10.25-17.03.26). LA Governor Phoenix Primary School (from 17.03.26 - CoG from 7/7/26) Member of the Executive Committee of the South East Kent Trade Union Council (SEKTUC) from 20th January 2026 – 23.06.26 Town Councillor (formerly Community Councillor) on Kennington Town Council (formerly Kennington Community Council - following a name change on April 1st), from 9/7/25.	11.02.29
Monna Hussain	Parent Governor	27.09.25	Elected by Parents	None	Parent governor The Federation of Willesborough Schools - from 14/01/2019 to present	26.09.29
Ivana Scott	Parent Governor	27.09.25	Elected by Parents	RI&B LTD 6th December 2021	None	26.09.29
Ella du Breuil	Foundation Governor ex-officio	10.02.2026	Appointed by the Owner of Hatch Park (formerly Mersham Hatch Estate)	Whitenap Underwriting Limited (04299679) Started 16/7/15	Governor of United World College of the Atlantic (independent, international college) (00673076) Started 25/6/25	09.02.2030
Stephen Miller	Old Ashfordian Foundation Governor	19.05.2026	Appointed by the OA	None	Chair, Old Ashfordian Association	18.05.2030
Greg Steel	Community governor	19.05.2026	Appointed by GB/Board	Director Kent Wildlife Trust (from 11th July 2026)	None	18.05.2030

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Name	Role	Date Joined	Interests Declared	Appointment
Richard Fraser	Member	2/12/2019	Director Fraser Residential Limited (09.02.2000-13.06.2025) Trustee Ashford Grammar School Endowment Trust Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 20.10.25 - present)	By Members
Jane Burnett	Member	01/02/2021	Foundation Governor at Wittersham Church of England Primary School (8th April 2022) Rye Youth Zone CIC Director (from 22.11.24. Resigned 22.03.25)) Foundation Trustee Cranbrook School from 1.9.26	By Virtue of Office (Chair of Governors) until 19th July 2026 Appointed by Members 20th July 2026
Johnny Holland	Member	01/02/2021	Insurance Loss Adjusting, Wylliewye Ltd (21.09.06-11.06.25)	By Virtue of Office (Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee) until 19th July 2026 Appointed by Members 20th July 2026
David Race	Member	08/10/2021	Chair of Trustees Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund & (Prize & Scholarship fund) from 01.01.2025 - present) Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 20.10.25 - present)	By Members

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Simon Hallam	Member	01/07/2022	Trustee Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund & (Prize & Scholarship fund) from 06.11.2014- present) Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 20.10.25 - present)	By Members
Daisy Cao *née Butler-Gallie*	Member	18/12/2023	Director, Mindler Sandbox Limited From: 27/10/23	By Members
Andrew Judd	Member	22/07/2024	None	By Members
Michael-John Knatchbull	Member	10/02/2026	Kenilworth Film Productions Limited (09.11.05), Brabourne Film Ltd (09.00.05) GW Films Ltd (09.11.05) Mersham Production Ltd (12.10.1991) Hatch Park LLP (19.06.12) Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund & (Prize & Scholarship fund) from 07.07.2000 - present) Trustee of the Mountbatten and Brabourne Charity Trustee of The Mountbatten Memorial Trust Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 20.10.25 - present)	By Members
Marianne Highwood	Member	19.07.26	Honorary Senior Lecturer, Canterbury Christchurch University (from 30th September 2025) University Lecturer, Christchurch University (until July 2025) Spouse - Director of S W Highwood (Pluckley) Ltd	By virtue of her role as Chair of Governors

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Governors & Members who have left in the last 12 months

Governor	Role	Date Appointed	Date Left	Business Declarations	Other roles
Michael-John Knatchbull	Foundation Governor Link Governor for Creative arts	07/07/2000	4th January 2026	Kenilworth Film Productions Limited (09.11.05), Brabourne Film Ltd (09.00.05) GW Films Ltd (09.11.05) Mersham Production Ltd (12.10.1991) Hatch Park LLP (19.06.12)	Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund & (Prize & Scholarship fund) from 07.07.2000 - present) Trustee of the Mountbatten and Brabourne Charity Trustee of The Mountbatten Memorial Trust Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (from 20.10.25 - present)
Alex Evans-Crane	Community Governor	21/05/24	24.02.2026	None	None
Philip Sibbald	Foundation Governor	19/07/2022	10.03.2026		Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund to 10.03.26 Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust to 10.03.26 Coopted Governor of Downs View Infants (13.03.25)
Jane Burnett	Community Governor	12/10/2018	19/07/2026	Foundation Governor at Wittersham Church of England Primary School (8th April 2022) Rye Youth Zone CIC Director (from 22.11.24. Resigned 22.03.25)) Foundation Trustee Cranbrook School from 1.9.26	By Virtue of Office (Chair of Governors) until 19th July 2026 Appointed by Members 20th July 2026

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Johnny Holland	Community Governor	01/09/2014	19/07/2026	Insurance Loss Adjusting, Wylliewye Ltd (21.09.06-11.06.25)	None
Ben Greene	HT Ex-officio Governor	01/09/2019	31/08/2026		Trustee of Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund (1st September 2019 – 31st August 2026) Trustee of the Norton Knatchbull School Endowment Trust (1st September 2019 – 31st August 2026)

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