

18. Methodist Schools Appointments

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Summary of content

Subject and aims	Appointment of Methodist Independent Schools Trustees and governors to three Methodist Independent Associated Schools. Appointment of Methodist Academies and Schools Trustees. Appointment of Epworth Education Trust Trustees
Background context and relevant documents (with function)	The Conference is responsible for the appointment of Methodist Independent Schools Trustees and governors to the schools named in the resolutions. The Conference is responsible for the appointment of Methodist Academies and Schools Trustees. The Conference is responsible for the appointment of Epworth Education Trust Trustees.

Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST)

Appointment of Trustees to MIST and Governors to Associated Schools

Trustees of Methodist Independent Schools Trust are appointed by the Conference, normally for a three-year term. Nominations are made by the Trust, Chairs of Governors and the Methodist Council.

Under the Schemes relating to the administration of Ashville College, Kingswood School and Rydal Penrhos School, the Conference is responsible for the appointment of governors to their governing bodies.

Governors are nominated by the governing bodies and/or the Methodist Independent Schools Trust and are initially appointed for a period of three years. They may be re-appointed for a further period.

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***RESOLUTIONS

- 18/1. The Conference adopts the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of the Revd Stephen Burgess as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.
- 18/2. The Conference adopts the re-nomination by Methodist Council of the Revd Dr Calvin Samuel as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.
- 18/3. The Conference adopts the nomination by the Trustees of Mr Timothy Emmett as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Ashville College

- 18/4. The Conference adopts the re-nominations by the Governors of Mr Jamie Search, Mr Jonathan Oxley and Mr Simon Donkin as Governors of Ashville College for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Rydal Penrhos School

- 18/5. The Conference adopts the nomination by the Governors of Mr Nicholas Jewsbury as a Governor of Rydal Penrhos School for a period of five years concluding 31 August 2028.

Kingswood School

- 18/6. The Conference adopts the nominations by the Governors of Mr Robert Hill (concluding 9 May 2026), Mr Guy Hinchley (concluding 27 June 2026), Mr Nick Kirkham (concluding 9 March 2027), Professor David Lane (concluding 26 June 2026), Dr Clare Millington (concluding 22 May 2026), Mrs Dorothy Nancekievill (concluding 7 June 2026), and Mrs Morag Smith (concluding 26 May 2026) as Governors of Kingswood School.

Reasoned Statements - MIST

Mr Timothy Emmett

Tim is an education industry specialist having worked across the sector developing major education programmes in the UK and internationally. He is currently employed as a Business Development Director at a major university in the UK.

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Reasoned Statement – Rydal Penrhos School

Mr Nicholas Jewsbury

Nicholas has extensive expertise in performance cultures and personnel matters, derived from a long and successful military career. He is keen to apply this knowledge to the task of school improvement.

Reasoned Statements – Kingswood School

Mr Robert Hill

Rob is a current parent at Kingswood and has a background in engineering, project management and property. His areas of expertise include standards, governance and quality.

Mr Guy Hinchley

Guy is a former pupil and is a retired solicitor and managing partner of a large law firm. His skills include financial and business planning and fostering teamwork on boards.

Mr Nick Kirkham

Nick has experience in founding and developing creative workspaces for start-up companies. He has 30 years' experience of property management and development skills. Four generations of his family have attended Kingswood.

Professor David Lane

David is an experienced scientist with particular interests in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence in education, as well as supporting start-up companies. He is an ex-Kingswood pupil.

Dr Clare Millington

Clare is a former GP who currently works as a counsellor. In particular, she offers support to the Kingswood safeguarding teams. She is an ex-Kingswood parent.

Mrs Dorothy Nancekievill

Dorothy is a former Head of Farringtons School, a Methodist Day and Boarding School in Kent, and was Director of Music at Wells Cathedral School for 16 years. She conducts the International Staff Songsters for the Salvation Army.

Mrs Morag Smith

Morag currently works for the NHS as the Chief Programme Officer for the New Hospital Programme. She has considerable commercial and infrastructure experience and her interest is in building a diverse and inclusive workplace. She has two boys in the prep school.

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Methodist Academies and Schools Trust (MAST)

Appointment of Trustees to MAST

***RESOLUTIONS

- 18/7. The Conference adopts the nomination by Methodist Council of Mrs Janet Carolyn Glass as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.
- 18/8. The Conference adopts the re-nominations by Methodist Council of Mr Steven College and Mrs Annette Foster as Trustees of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Reasoned Statement – Methodist Academies Schools Trust

Mrs Janet Carolyn Glass

Janet is a Methodist and has served as a Trustee at church, circuit and district level. Janet has recently retired from teaching at a Methodist school where she held additional responsibilities such as Safeguarding and International Studies.

Epworth Education Trust (EET)

Appointment of Trustees to EET

***RESOLUTIONS

- 18/9. The Conference adopts the nomination by Methodist Council of the Revd Stuart Ellis, Mr Steve Myers and Mr Gareth Roberts as Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Reasoned Statement – Epworth Education Trust (EET)

The Revd Stuart Ellis

Stuart is a Methodist minister, stationed as superintendent of the Sherwood Forest Circuit. Stuart also serves as a Chair of Governors at a special school in Ipswich. Stuart has previous experience as a Headteacher in Essex in a junior school in an area of

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deprivation, and as an executive head in a school with oversight of a school in special measures. Stuart has experience in turning round inadequate schools and remains involved in a schools' Trust in Bromley.

Mr Steve Myers

Steve has extensive experience as a former school Governor and Chair of Governors at a founding Methodist school within the Epworth Education Trust. Steve is a Trustee of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust. Steve presently works in Local Government and has experience in financial services management. Steve is a committed Christian and serves as Vice-Chair of this Parochial Church Council.

Mr Gareth Roberts

Gareth is a practising solicitor specialising in employment law. Gareth provides advice to senior executives and companies on employment law / HR issues.