Diverse Academies Trust

Companies House number 07664012

Members details & Declaration of Interest 2025/2026 (updated November 2026)

Name	Role & Specific/additional role[s]	Date of Appointment	Date stepped down (if applicable)	Term of office	Type of Trustee/ Director appointed by	Nature of Interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
John Richard Rolph	Member	26/5/2011	NA	NA	Members special resolution Article 15A	Retired	Since 2010	
						Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	Since 1975	
						Life Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Management	Since 1975	
						Director of AS Clark Limited – dormant company	4/3/2024	
						Director of Rosewoods Management Company Limited (C/O Allerton Property Management Limited) Company Number :09847123	April 2024	
						Trustee Retford Bridge Club Retired	2018	
Margaret Blore	Member	17/12/2018	NA	NA		Retired	2002	

					Members special resolution Article 15A	Son's partner works in Diverse Academies Trust as SENCO and Strategic Development Lead for SEND	2011	
						Partner in family farming business TJL & M Blore & Son	1980	
Sheila Kelly	Member	14/12/2023	NA	NA	Members special resolution Article 15A	Husband Vice Chair of Tuxford Academy	Prior to appointment	
Colin Shuttleworth	Member	2/09/2024	NA	NA	Members special resolution Article 15A	Employed by HSBC Banking	19/01/2015	
Michael Quigley	Member	13/04/2026	NA	NA	Members special resolution Article 15A	Chair Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd	February 1991	
						Chair Retford Educational Foundation/King Edward VI Trust	June 2011	
						Employed by Nottinghamshire Health Care NHS Foundation Trust	February 2014	

The remit of members is as recorded in the September 2026 Academies Trust Handbook.

Director/Trustee details & declarations of interest – pecuniary/business 2026/2027 (updated November 2026)

Name	Role & Specific/additional role[s]	Date of Appointment	Date stepped down (if applicable)	Term of office	Type of Trustee/ Director appointed by	Nature of Interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
John Richard Rolph	Trustee & Member Chair of Finance and Resources Committee Member of Governance and Partnership Committee	Re-appointment by Members with effect from 6 June 2023	n/a	4 years until: 6 June 2027	Appointed by Members Article 50	Retired	Since 2010	
						Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	Since 1975	
						Life Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Management	Since 1975	
						Director of AS Clark Limited – dormant company	4/3/2024	
						Director of Rosewoods Management Company Limited (C/O Allerton Property Management Limited) Company Number :09847123	April 2024	
						Trustee Retford Bridge Club Retired	2018	
Margaret Blore	Trustee & Member Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee	Re-appointed 30/03/2026	n/a	4 years until: 29 March 2030	Appointed by Members Article 50	Retired	2002	
						Partner in family farming business TJL & M Blore & Son	1980	

	Member of Audit and Risk Committee							
Ian Richard Storey	Trustee Chair of Audit and Risk Committee Member of Finance and Resources Committee Whistleblowing & GDPR Link Trustee	Reappointed 27 September 2022 by Members	n/a	4 years until: 26 September 2026	Appointed by Members Article 50	Retired	2023	
						Director of Upper Saxondale Residents Association CIC	1 June 2016	27 May 2025
						Chair, Upper Saxondale Parish Council	1 May 2023	7 August 2026
						Interim clerk of Upper Saxondale Parish Council	23 May 2025	01 January 2026
						Member of Law Society		
David Schwarz	Trustee Chair of Trust Board from 4 September 2024 Member of Governance and Partnership Committee Chair of Standards and Outcomes Committee SEND link Trustee	15 October 2023	n/a	4 years until: 14 October 2027	Appointed as a co-opted Trustee by Trustees under Article 58(until 15 October 2023) From 15 October 2023 Appointed by Members under Article 50	Retired	July 2016	
						Chair of North Nottinghamshire Group (of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust) Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Cons3ervation Volunteer	April 2022 2016	
						Business Mentor, The King's Trust	January 2006	
						Consultant, Cranfield Trust	January 2018	
Rudi Vizma	Trustee Member of Standards and	31 January 2024	n/a	4 years until: 30 January 2028	Appointed as a co-opted trustee under Article 58	Employed by Ambition Institute	2 September 2023	

	Outcomes Committee from 10/07/2024 Member of Audit and Risk Committee from 10/07/2024					Employed by Alvaston Moor Academy, Archway Learning Trust Member of National Education Union	November 2026 03/09/2018	
						Employed by David Ross Education Trust	1 January 2025	End 31/08/26
Jonathan Robertson	Trustee Member of Finance and Resources Committee from 17/12/2024 Member of Audit and Risk Committee from 17/12/2024	9 December 2024	na	4 years until: 8 December 2028	Appointed by Members Article 50	Gainline Consultancy (self-employed) Rojok Ltd (09760419) Magistrate, Nottinghamshire Panel	09 January 2015 3 September 2015 31 April 2025	
Andrew Hardie	Trustee Member of Finance and Resources Committee from 1/9/2026 Member of Governance and Partnership Committee from 1/9/2026	23 February 2026		4 years until 22 February 2030	Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58	Employed by Inspiring Vetcare Limited Parish Councillor for South Leverton	12 February 2018 Since 2021	
Ian Hylan	Trustee Member of Finance and Resources	23 February 2026		4 years until 22 February 2030	Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee	Teacher panellist for Teacher Regulation Agency	Since 11 February 2022	

	Committee from 1/9/2026 Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee from 1/9/2026				under Article 58			
Andrew Ball	Trustee Member of Audit and Risk Committee from 1/9/2026 Member of Governance and Partnership Committee from 1/9/2026	1 June 2026		4 Years until 31 May 2030	Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58	BEAM Public Arts - Trustee	Since 01 September 2019	

Company Secretary and Governance Professional to Board of Trustees: J Harrison Hill
Trustees can be contacted via the governance professional: jharrisonhill@diverse-ac.org.uk

Senior leaders who contribute to the Trust Board meeting 2026/27

Name	Role & Specific/additional role[s]	Date of Appointment to role	Date stepped down (if applicable)	Term of office	Nature of Interest	Date interest began	Date interest ceased (if applicable)
David Cotton	Chief Executive Officer Accounting Officer	1 May 2020	NA	NA	Brother-in-law employed within Trust	Prior to appointment as CEO	

					Neice employed within the Trust	Declared 2025	
Gary Corban	Deputy Chief Executive/ Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer	1 December 2016	NA	NA	ISBL member and trustee	Declared 2025	

Attendance at meetings 2025/2026

Name	Meeting	Academic year 2025/26	
		Attended	Possible in year
Andrew Ball Appointed 1 June 2026	Diverse Academies Trust	1	1
Margaret Blore	Diverse Academies Trust Board	5	6
	Standards and Outcomes Committee	6	6
	Audit and Risk Committee	3	4
Andrew Hardie Appointed 23/02/2026	Diverse Academies Trust	3	3
Ian Hylan Appointed 23/02/2026	Diverse Academies Trust	1	3
Jon Robertson	Diverse Academies Trust Board	4	6
	Finance and Resources Committee (appointed to committee 17/12/2024)	6	6
	Audit and Risk Committee (appointed to committee 17/12/2024)	4	4
John Rolph	Diverse Academies Trust Board	6	6
	Finance and Resources (Chair)	6	6
	Governance & Partnership Committee	7	7
David Schwarz	Diverse Academies Trust Board (Chair)	6	6
	Governance and Partnership Committee	7	7
	Standards and Outcomes Committee (Chair)	6	6
Ian Storey	Diverse Academies Trust Board	6	6
	Finance and Resources Committee	5	6
	Audit and Risk Committee (Chair)	4	4

Rudi Vizma	Diverse Academies Trust Board	6	6
	Audit and Risk Committee	3	4
	Standards and Outcomes Committee	6	6
Directors/Trustees who resigned during the year attendance at meetings			
Michael Quigley MBE Resigned 14 November 2025	Diverse Academies Trust Board	0	1
	Governance and Partnership Committee (Chair)	1	2
	Audit and Risk Committee	0	1

Previous Diverse Academies Trust Directors/Trustees

Name of Director/Trustee	Date appointed	End date of term of office	Date of cessation of appointment or resignation NB Articles of Association changed May 2016 to remove the requirement for each Chair of Governors to be a Director
Mr M Quigley MBE	17 October 2016	08 October 2028	Resigned 14/11/2025
Mrs J Mordue	25 May 2022	24/May/2026	Resigned as Trustee on 2 September 2025
Mr Paul Simpson	15 April 2024	23 July 2025	Resigned as Trustee 24 July 2025
Mrs Elizabeth Ann Rew	18 January /2021	29 January 2025	Resigned as Member 29 January 2025
Mr Louis Donald	30 March 2022	29 March 2026	Resigned as Trustee 6 February 2025
Mrs Janet Susan Parker	6 January 2021	27 November 2023	Resigned as Member
Mr Andrew Paul Davies	10 February 2022	12 July 2023	Resigned as Member
Miss Nic Marriott	25 May 2022	24 May 2026	Resigned as trustee 8 November 2023
Mr Rob Shearing	14 July 2021	13 July 2025	Resigned as trustee 21 June 2023
Mr Andrew Paul Davies	14 July 2021	13 July 2024	Resigned as trustee 16 January 2022
Mr Peter Kirk Mabbott	28 September 2018	27 September 2022	Resigned as trustee 24 November 2021
Miss Catherine Burns BEM	14 November 2019	13 November 2023	Resigned as trustee 22 July 2021
Miss Cherie White	28 September 2018	27 September 2022	16 January 2020
Mr Simon Paul Jones	13 November 2017	12 November 2021	9 May 2019
Mrs Debbie Clinton (Rooney)	Acting CEO Article 46	05 June 2017	Resigned as a Trustee 15 June 2018 Resigned as a member of staff August 2018 Ex-officio until CEO returned to post from secondment
Miss Sarah Hall	1 September 2016	31 August 2020	11 May 2018

Miss Elizabeth Warhurst	13 November 2017	12 November 2021	18 April 2018
Mr Christopher Barry Pickering- Chief Executive Officer Article 46	9 June 2011	Ex-officio	5 June 2017 Resigned while on secondment to another Trust Opted not to be a Trustee 15 June 2018
Mr Andrew Robert Knight - parent	14 May 2012	13 May 2016	31 August 2016
Mr Richard John Turner - parent	6 July 2015	5 July 2019	31 August 2016
Mr Wayne Spooner – staff	17 December 2013	16 December 2017	31 August 2016
Miss Maxine Anne Tivey – staff	Original appointment 9 June 2011 Re-appointment 13 July 2015	12 July 2019	8 June 2015 31 August 2016
Mrs Ingrid Wiggins –additional director appointed by the Members	26 March 2014	25 March 2018	31 August 2016
Professor John Graham Dickens – chair of governors at East Leake Academy	8 July 2014	7 July 2018	31 August 2016
Ms Catherine Burn – chair of governors at Tuxford Primary Academy	1 September 2015	31 August 2019	31 August 2016
Mrs Catherine Mary Turner – chair of governors at The Holgate Academy	2 September 2013	1 September 2017	31 August 2016
Mrs Trudi Favill – chair of governors at Tuxford Primary Academy	4 February 2013	3 February 2017	31 August 2015
Mr Alec Webster – additional Director	9 June 2011		8 June 2015
Mr Robert Pitchford - parent	9 June 2011		8 June 2015
Mr Ronald Anthony Henderson – chair of governors at Retford Oaks Academy	9 June 2011		23 September 2014