

14. Methodist Schools

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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. Confirmation of the Wesley 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 confirming the appointment of the Wesley Trust Trustees.

Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST)

Appointment of Trustees of 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.

***RESOLUTIONS

- 14/1. The Conference adopted the nomination by the Methodist Council of Mr Stephen Holliday as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of two years concluding 31 August 2022.
- 14/2. The Conference adopted the nomination by the Methodist Council of the Revd Sir Ralph Waller as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of two years concluding 31 August 2022.
- 14/3. The Conference adopted the nomination by the Trustees of Mr John Weaving as a Trustee the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/4. The Conference adopted the nomination by the Trustees of Lady Fiona Mynors as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/5. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of Mrs Barbara Easton as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three

years concluding 31 August 2023.

- 14/6. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of the Revd Stephen J Burgess as a Trustee of Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

Ashville College

- 14/7. The Conference adopted the re-nominations by the Governors of Mr Jeremy Henderson and Mr Peter Ingham and nominations of Ms Michelle Lofthouse, Mr Jerome Saint-Marc and Ms Nicola Stamford as Governors of Ashville College for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

Kingswood School

- 14/8. The Conference adopted the re-nominations by the Governors of Mrs Sarah Thomas, Mr Andy Lau, Mr David Humphreys, Mr Chris Stafford and the Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye as Governors of Kingswood School for a period of four years concluding 31 August 2024.

Rydal Penrhos School

- 14/9. The Conference adopted the re-nominations by the Governors of Mr John Wilford and Dr Huyam Abdelsalam as Governors of Rydal Penrhos School for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

Methodist Academies and Schools Trust (MAST)

Appointment of Trustees to MAST

***RESOLUTIONS

- 14/10. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of the Revd Sally Ratcliffe as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/11. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of the Revd Paul Martin as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/12. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of Mrs Lesley Brookbanks as a Trustee of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/13. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of Mr David Kershaw as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/14. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of Mr John Weaving as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.
- 14/15. The Conference adopted the nomination by the Methodist Council of Mr Steven Colledge as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

14/16. The Conference adopted the re-nomination by the Methodist Council of Mrs Annette Foster as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

The Wesley Trust

*****RESOLUTION**

14/17. The Conference confirmed the nomination by the Methodist Council of Mr John Weaving as a Trustee of the Wesley Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2023.

Chair of Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST)

*****RESOLUTION**

14/18. In exercise of the power of delegation given by clause 21(viii) of the Deed of Union, the Conference delegated to the Methodist Council its power to appoint the chair of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST) and directed that the Council, acting on behalf of the Conference, shall appoint a new chair of MIST as soon as reasonably practicable.

Reasoned Statements

Mr Steven Colledge

Steve has held senior leadership positions in schools from 1988 onwards. Steve has worked as both a Local Leader of Education and a National Leader of Education. Former DFE Education Adviser for the RSC South West Office and an OFSTED Inspector. Steve has chaired several Schools' Forums and the Swindon Secondary Headteachers' Group.

Mrs Annette Foster

Annette is a serving Chair of Governors. She is a solicitor and a local preacher in the Methodist Church, and is the Vice Chair of Splits Support Services, a charity providing domestic abuse support services.

Mr Stephen Holliday

Stephen is the Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in Bristol, stepping down in 2020. He served as Treasurer of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) in 2013–2019 and as a Board member of the Independent Schools' Council during the same period. He is a Reporting Inspector for the Independent Schools' Inspectorate. A local preacher, he is also Vice Chair of Trustees at Cliff College and a Governor of Kingswood School.

Mrs Michelle Lofthouse

Michelle is currently Managing Director of Flip Consulting Ltd, which is her own business. Formally Director of Business Development for Ufi, and Director of Business Development and Marketing at Cambridge International Examinations, she has over 25 years' experience in the education sector, in curriculum, qualification and assessment development, both in the UK and internationally.

Mr Jerome Saint-Marc

Jerome is currently a Senior Retail Director and Manager for Wilko. He was previously a partner in a top-tier strategy consultancy and spent the last 20 years developing businesses across grocery, fashion and general merchandise with specific focus on organisational development from strategy definition to implementation.

Mrs Nicola Stamford

Nicola currently owns and runs a Harrogate-based marketing and communications agency with clients both locally and nationwide. She has 18 years' experience in her field, primarily within the engineering sector. Nicola also spent two years as Head of Marketing at Ashville College.

Mrs Sarah Thomas

Sarah is a teacher of Classics and retired Head of Bryanston School and before that was sole Deputy Head at Uppingham School. Sarah has led and taught on a range of HMC training courses, including 'Preparing for Headship', and latterly lead a course on sustainable leadership.

The Revd Dr Canon Ralph Waller

Ralph is the Director of the Farmington Institute and former principal of Harris Manchester College (1988–2018) and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford. Ralph is a former Chair of the University of Oxford Faculty of Theology.

Mr John Weaving

John is a former Director of Finance for Methodist Independent Schools Trust and current Board Trustee for Methodist Academies and Schools Trust. ACA qualified with over 20 years' experience as a Finance Director in a diverse range of businesses.