

15. 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 Trust 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 though the service terms can differ within the Associated Schools. They may be re-appointed for a further period.

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***RESOLUTIONS

- 15/1. The Conference adopts the re-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 2025.
- 15/2. The Conference adopts the nominations by the Trustees of Mr Simon Small and Mr Adam Proctor as Trustees of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2027.

Ashville College

- 15/3. The Conference adopts the nominations by the Governors of Mr Thomas Averre, Ms Holly Chaplin, Ms Judith Fenn, Mr Nick Hair, Mr Adrian Precious and Mr David Humphreys as Governors of Ashville College for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2027.

Rydal Penrhos School

- 15/4. The Conference adopts the nominations by the Governors of the Revd Andrew Charlesworth and Ms Judith Fenn as ex-officio Governors of Rydal Penrhos School.

Kingswood School

- 15/5. The Conference adopts the nomination by the Governors of Mrs Jessica Briggs as Governor of Kingswood School for a period of four years concluding June 2027.

Reasoned Statements - MIST

Mr Simon Small

Simon is a retired accountant, having spent most of his career in the banking and insurance industries in senior financial roles, latterly as Finance Director and then CEO of Equitable Life, a pensions mutual. An advocate of lifelong learning, he has always tried to pass on his experience and knowledge, whether through coaching or speaking at Cambridge, Sandhurst and King's College.

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Mr Adam Proctor

Adam is currently the CFO and board member of a fast-growing global tech company, Vertical Future. Prior to that Adam spent the vast majority of his career initially at Barclays and then Citigroup, both in the UK and Singapore. His last role was as a Managing Director running the Private Banking business at Citi for Singapore, Australia and New Zealand as well as sitting on the Citi Executive Committee for Singapore. Adam also sits on the Finance Committee of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Reasoned Statements – Ashville College

Mr Thomas Averde

Thomas is the Founder and Director of a specialist public relations agency servicing the life sciences and engineering sectors. He has expertise in marketing, communications and public affairs, and was a member of the UK Government's Department for Health and Social Care Industry Communications Advisory Group during the pandemic. Thomas is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. Thomas was a former pupil of Ashville College.

Ms Holly Chaplin

Holly is a procurement and sustainability professional with over 18 years' experience. Specialising in the food industry and holding various Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) posts. Holly is currently the Procurement and Sustainability Director at Orkla Sweet Ingredients (subsidiary of Orkla plc). Holly is an Old Ashvillian and a parent of a current Ashville College pupil.

Ms Judith Fenn

Judith read history at Cambridge University then taught for 13 years, latterly as a Deputy Head at the Godolphin and Latymer School. She has been a Governor of a state special school and a Chair of Governors of an independent day and boarding school. She oversaw statutory teacher induction in independent schools across England for a number of years before taking up post as CEO of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust in February 2023.

Mr Nick Hair

Nick is the owner of the Harrogate office of Raymond James Investment Services, one of the largest Wealth Managers in the UK and USA. The Harrogate based business is a family run, boutique wealth management service looking after a small number of clients and their families. He has over 27 years' experience in the industry. Nick is a Chartered Fellow of the Securities and Investment Institute. Before starting his business in 2015, Nick

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worked as a senior banker at one of the UK's leading Private Banks with a focus on high-net-worth individuals and charities. Nick is a parent of current Ashville College pupils.

Mr David Humphreys

David was previously an *ex-officio* Governor at Ashville in his role of General Secretary of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust. Following his retirement, he rejoins the Governing Body as Chair of the Education, Enrichment and Welfare Committee. David was previously the Headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School and has been chair of HMC (North East), an ISI Inspector and A Level Examiner.

Mr Adrian Precious

Adrian is a company director and has worked in public and private healthcare sectors, consulting and FMCG. Adrian is a parent of current Ashville College pupils.

Reasoned Statements – Rydal Penrhos School

The Revd Andrew Charlesworth

As the Chair for Wales Synod Cymru, Andrew assumes one of the two *ex officio* seats on the Board. Andrew brings fourteen years of ministry experience and a passion for the Gospel, alongside impressive leadership abilities and past managerial experience.

Ms Judith Fenn

As the CEO of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust, Judith assumes one of the two *ex officio* seats on the Board. Judith brings extensive educational expertise from a career spent working in and with schools, most recently as Executive Director of the Independent Schools Teacher Induction Panel (ISTIP).

Reasoned Statement – Kingswood School

Mrs Jessica Briggs

Jessica is an ex-Kingswood pupil and currently Deputy Head (Pastoral) and Designated Safeguarding Lead at Sherborne Girls' School. She is in charge of the pastoral care of 500 girls aged 11-18 and line manager of the School's DSL team and health centre as well as line managing the House Masters and Mistresses.

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Epworth Education Trust (EET)

Appointment of Trustees to EET

***RESOLUTION

15/6. The Conference adopts the nomination Mr James Lockwood, Mr Luke Cowell, Mrs Angela Mander as Trustees of the Epworth Education Trust for a period of four years concluding 31 August 2028.

Reasoned Statements – Epworth Education Trust (EET)

Mr James Lockwood

James is the Headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School (since January 2016); having previously served as Headmaster of the Royal Hospital School, near Ipswich. James has over 25 years' experience in the Independent School sector, including residential/boarding settings. He sits on the British Board of Film Classification's Advisory Panel on Children's Viewing and is Chair of the British Board of Film Classification Video Appeals Committee (VAC). James is the Associate Director of Bradford City AFC.

Mr Luke Cowell

Luke has 15 years of experience as a Non-Exec Director, leading organisations in various sectors such as Education, B2B, Fintech, Market Research, and Retail Services. He has also run his own management consultancy firm. Prior to his consultancy firm, Luke worked at West Kirby School & College as a Management Consultant and later as the Charity's Operations Director, Company Secretary, and Clerk. He understands the role and responsibilities of a Trustee and is eager to contribute his operational and people expertise to the Board in order to support the Trust's purpose and charitable aims for the benefit of the young people it serves.

Mrs Angela Mander

Angela has extensive experience in senior leadership for over 27 years, in a range of settings, including some of the most challenging areas. Angela is a former headteacher (2006-2019) and a local Leader of Education, supporting other school leaders. Angela currently also sits on the Invictus Education Trust. She is a practising Christian, a member of the Methodist Church for over 35 years, and is in full sympathy with the Methodist ethos.