

Half Termly Governance Newsletter



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Welcome back

Dear Members, Trustees, and Governors,

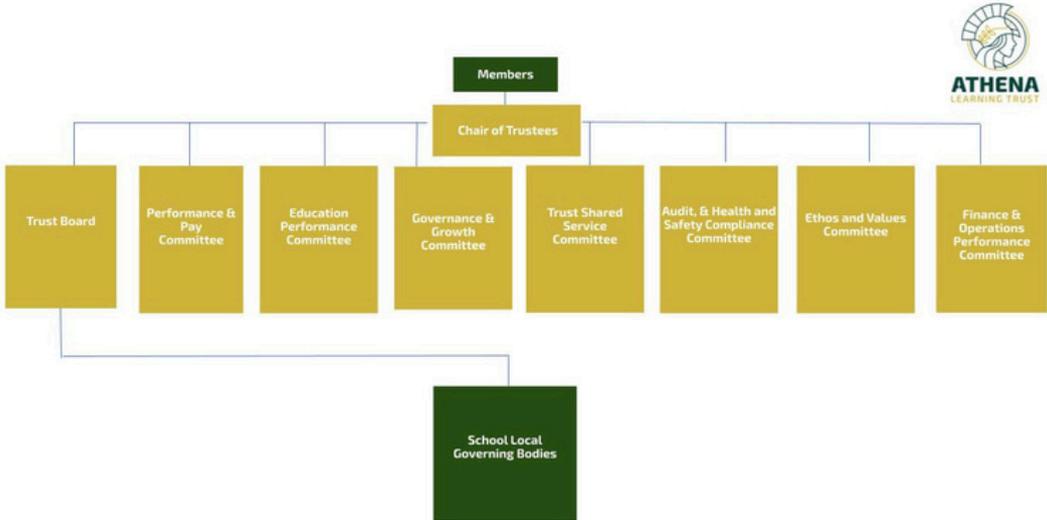
We hope you had a restful half-term break. As we gather again for another half-term, we are eager to share our plans and accomplishments with you.

We look forward to your continued support and involvement as we work together and continue to **dream big, be kind, and take responsibility.**



Governance Structure

Members, trustees and local governors



Welcome to the Team

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Jo Luxford - Chair of the Primary Cluster

We have also had some movement around our boards, Helen Reilly has moved from Chair of Launceston College to a governor at Camborne Science & International.



Half Term Overview

Term 1 saw two of our schools welcome new chairs to their governing bodies; Jo Luxford will chair the Primary Cluster LGB, and Hollie Thomas will chair for Launceston College. Both have gotten off to a flying start, with their first meeting under their belts, building strong relationships with their schools' principal and wider staff. Thanks to Jo and Hollie and all governors for the hugely impactful work they do in this voluntary role.

At the end of term 1, trustees also held their first board meeting for the academic year, and they are looking forward to an upcoming development evening this half term. Other updates include trustee and governor training, and inductions for new trustees and chairs of local governing bodies. Schools, trustees and governors are busy preparing for the next round of committee meetings which are due to take place between now and Christmas. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor, please feel free to reach out via email: governance@athenalearningtrust.uk. If you are a member of staff looking to find out more, please visit the virtual staff room where there is lots of information about the staff governor role.

Website Compliance and Policy Checks

The Trust has recently invested in Robin, a robust website compliance management system that has significantly reduced the workload for our marketing and governance teams by streamlining our compliance checks. Previously, ensuring all school websites met the required standards demanded extensive, time-consuming manual checks. With Robin, however, our team now only needs to conduct spot checks, as the system generates comprehensive, automated website reports for each school, complete with a compliance score. This score gives a clear, visual overview of our compliance status, making it easy to identify any areas requiring updates or improvement. Robin's reports allow us to address any issues proactively, ensuring we consistently meet government standards.

In addition to website compliance, Robin generates detailed policy reports that identify any policies that may be out of date or missing required information. This feature has proven invaluable, as it enables us to stay on top of policy updates more efficiently, helping us maintain full compliance across all sites without missing any essential updates. By automating these processes, Robin has freed up considerable time for our teams to focus on other strategic priorities, enhancing our overall efficiency and accuracy in compliance management.

Alongside Robin, we have spent the past few months carefully researching and trialling a variety of policy tracker systems. This effort is part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening governance across the Trust. At present, PolicyTrack has emerged as the leading choice, offering a suite of tools that align well with our needs. We are optimistic about the potential of Policy Track to see how it can complement our compliance efforts. We'll provide a more in-depth update on our progress with PolicyTrack in the next newsletter issue, so please stay tuned for further insights.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

As always, we encourage all governors to take advantage of the training and continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities available through Governor Hub, NGA and CST.

They are all invaluable resources to enhance your skills and knowledge, ensuring you're well-equipped to fulfil your role effectively.

[Governor Hub](#)

Contact Us

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