

Half Termly Governance Newsletter



Athena Learning Trust
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ALWAYS LEARNING TOGETHER

Discovering Our Purpose: Who We Are and What We Do

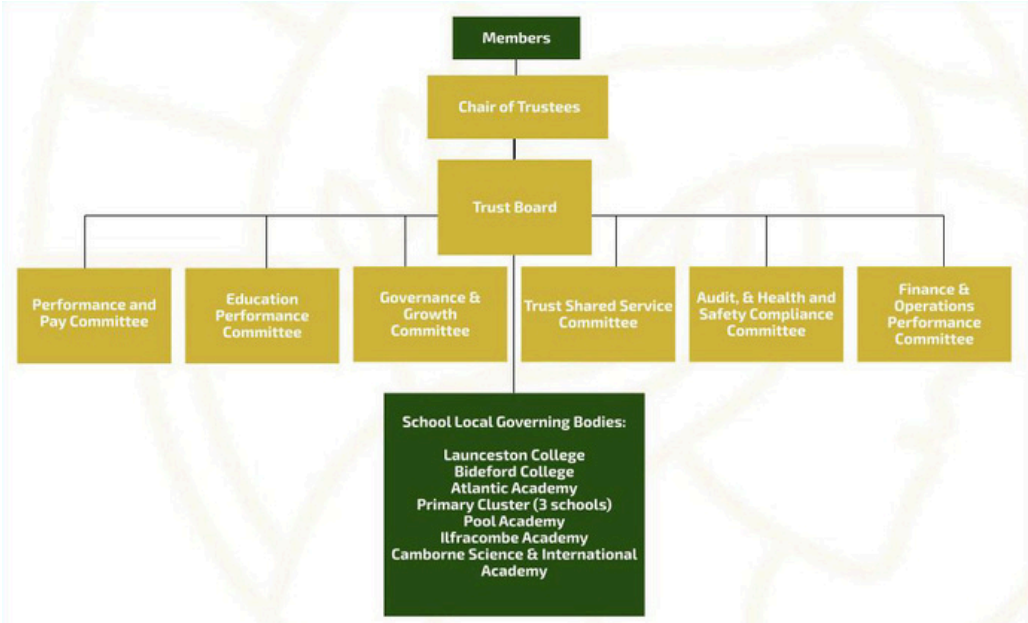
Welcome to Athena Learning Trust

Founded in 2022, we are a family of schools championing wisdom, knowledge, and learning. Named after Athena, we stand for a world where every child attends a great school. Together, we learn from the best thinkers, striving to be a leading trust for knowledge-building. We are dedicated to delivering world-class support that transforms the lives of our communities. We understand that children are the future, and our mission is to inspire and empower them to dream big, take responsibility, and be kind.



Governance Structure

Consists of: Members, Trustees, Local Governors



Welcome to the Team

We are delighted to welcome the below new governors to the team:

Primary Cluster

Vron Walters, Peter Dart

Atlantic/Bideford

Kerry Gould

Launceston College

Sylvia Lennard

Ilfracombe Academy

Dan Law, Rachael Hughes

Pool Academy

Vicki Webb, Eleanor Glanville, Amy Carpenter

Camborne Science & International

John Ross, Naomi Godolphin, Duncan Davies
Melanie Pomery



Half Term Overview

- **Preparation for the Final Cycle of the Year of LGB, Committee, and Board Meetings**

As we approach the final cycle of the year, comprehensive preparations are underway to ensure that all Local Governing Body (LGB), committee, and board meetings run smoothly and effectively. This period is critical for setting the stage for next year's strategic initiatives and ensuring all governance structures are aligned and functioning optimally.

- **Induction for New Trustee Paul Masters**

We are pleased to welcome Paul Masters as our new trustee. His induction process is designed to provide him with a thorough understanding of his role and responsibilities. Paul's experience and expertise will be invaluable to our board, and we are committed to supporting him as he starts his new role.

- **Head of Governance Attendance at CST Event: Reimagining Governance**

Our Head of Governance recently attended an event hosted by the Confederation of School Trusts (CST) focused on reimagining governance. This event brought together governance leaders and trustees from various trusts and schools, offering a rich platform for learning and collaboration. These insights and connections will be instrumental as we refine our governance practices and strive for continuous improvement.

Hear from Our Governors

This half term we are hearing a piece from Vicki Webb , **Pool Academy Parent Governor**

I have two children at Pool Academy and I am invested in the school, its growth and delivery and most importantly, the outcomes for the pupils. I have a keen interest in Youth Councils, ensuring young people are listened to and heard. As a parent governor, I am keen to encourage more participation and consultation with parents as well as a focus on the wellbeing of staff. I am a firm believer that only good can come from open and transparent communication.

Our Top 5 Recommended Resources

[Staff Governor](#)

[Parent Governor](#)

[RSHE Consultations](#)

[Confederation of Schools Trust](#)

[Academy Trust Governance Guide](#)

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.

It's an invaluable resource to enhance your skills and knowledge, ensuring you're well-equipped to fulfill your role effectively.

[Governor Hub](#)

Contact Us

We value your interest and encourage you to reach out with any enquiries or to seek further information. Please feel free to contact us using the provided details below:

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