

West Suffolk College – Register of Interest 2025/26

Name	Appointment Began	Appointed by	Appointment Term	Term Ends	Interest	Nature of Business	Nature of Interest	Interest Began/Ended
Alexandra Duffety	04.05.2022	Corporation	4 years	03.05.2026	CFO of Royal College of Psychiatrists	Education	Employee	Oct. 2023
					Associate Non-Executive Director of East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust	Healthcare	Employee	Jan. 2025
					Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	Professional Body	Membership	Jan. 2016
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	March 2025
Chris Higgins Vice Chair	01.08.2015	Corporation	3 years	31.07.2027	Vice Chair of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2018
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2015
					Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences	Professional Body	Membership	2004
Conrad Chua	04.05.2022	Corporation	4 years	03.05.2026	Judge Business School, University of Cambridge	Education	Employee	Sept. 2009 to Sept 2025
					London School of Economics and Political Science	Education	Employee	Sept 2025
					Consulting and content creation for HE sector	Education	Employee	Sept 2025
David Murray	24.10.2025	Corporation	4 years	23.10.2029	Suffolk Deputy Lieutenant	Crown's Representative	Non-Political	2021
					Board Trustee/ Director Army Central Fund	Charity	Governance	2021
					Gentleman Usher	Royal Household	Non-Political	2022
					Appropriate Adult, Anglia Care Trust	Public Service	Volunteer	2024
					Daughter works at Meta	Technology	Employee	April 2019
Elton D'Souza Chair	01.09.2018	Corporation	3 years	31.07.2027	Chair of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2017
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2015
					National Leader of Governance for the FE Commissioner	Education	Governance	Jan. 2020
					Consultant for Association of Colleges	Education	Consultant	Jan. 2023
					Member of Hintlesham Golf Course	Sport	Membership	July 2017
Jenny Drake	19.06.2023	Corporation	4 years	18.06.2027	CFO of Vanilla Electronics Ltd.	Technology	Employee	Jan. 2024
					Director of TechPoint Group Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Pod BioCo Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Pod MidCo Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Vanilla Electronics Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Bela Electronics Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of BED Holdings Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Golledge Electronics Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Interconics Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Director of Silverbulb Ltd.	Technology	Governance	Jan. 2024
					Shareholder of TechPoint Group Ltd.	Technology	Shareholder	March 2024
					Member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	Professional Body	Membership	Sept. 2009
Julia Wakelam	01.09.2018	Corporation	3 years	31.07.2027	Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Nov. 2016 to Dec 2025
					West Suffolk College's representative Member of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Jan 2026
					Committee member of Eastern Education Group Trust's SEND Educational Excellence Committee	Education	Governance	July 2025
					West Suffolk District Council	Local Politics	Elected Councillor	May 2021
					Trustee of St Edmunds Trust	Charity	Governance	Nov. 2022
					Trustee of Bury St Edmunds Ecumenical Centre Trust	Charity	Governance	2003
					Life President of Gatehouse	Charity	Governance	2018
					Chair of Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival	Arts	Governance	Sept. 2017
					The Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership	Local Conservation	Board member	2017
					Deputy Chair of Bury St Edmunds Ecumenical Centre Trust	Charity	Family	Nov. 2017 to July 2025
					Husband is Deputy Chair of Bury St Edmunds Town Trust	Local Politics	Family	August 2023

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Karen Chapman	16.05.2022	Corporation	4 years	15.05.2026	Cranfield Trust	Charity	Pro-bono advice	July 2023
					Owner of OPR Consulting Ltd	Services to Business	Employee	Nov. 2023
					Committee member of Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's audit committee	Police	Governance	March 2024
					Consultant for Visit East of England	Services to Business	Consultancy Work	March 2024
					Accredited World Host Trainer	Education	Qualification	July 2025
Mark Searcey	19.06.2023	Corporation	4 years	18.06.2027	University of East Anglia	Education	Employee	Oct. 2006
					Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry	Professional Body	Membership	Jan. 1985
					Board member of the John Innes Centre	Education	Governance	Aug. 2023 to Aug 2025
Marnie Williams	02.12.2024	Corporation	3 years	01.12.2027	Employee of West Suffolk College	Education	Employee	Sept. 2024
					Fellow of The Fellowship for British Hairdressing	Professional Body	Membership	Jan. 2022
					Appointed to the Executive Board of the Fellowship for British Hairdressing	Professional Body	Governance	May 2025
Martin Chatt	01.09.2024	Corporation	4 years	31.08.2028	Deputy CFO of West Suffolk College	Education	Employee	Nov. 2023 to Aug. 2024
					Deputy CFO of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Employee	Nov. 2023 to Aug. 2024
					Trustee and Chair of the WSC Education Opportunity Trust	Charity	Governance	Nov. 2023 to Jan 2025
Nikos Savvas Accounting Officer	05.08.2013	Ex-Officio	-	-	CEO of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Employee	Sept. 2015
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2015 to Aug 2024
					CEO of West Suffolk College	Education	Employee	Aug. 2013
					Governor of West Suffolk College Corporation	Education	Governance	Sept. 2013
					Member of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2015 to Aug 2024
					Daughters were students at Exning Primary School	Education	Family	Sept. 2012
					Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk	Crown's Representative	Non-Political	June 2024
					Board Member of Association of Colleges Board	Education	Governance	Sept. 2022
					Board Member of Pearson FE Referencing Group	Education	Governance	March 2019
					Board Member of Suffolk Business Board	Local Planning	Governance	May 2024
					Board Member of Eastern Powerhouse	Local Planning	Governance	Jan. 2022
					Member of Thetford Town Planning Board	Local Planning	Governance	June 2024
					Wife is GP Partner of Mereside Medical Group	NHS	Family	April 2022
					Wife is Governor of Newmarket Academy	Education	Family	Jan. 2023
					Chair of King Edwards VI CEVC School	Education	Governance	Nov. 2017
					Governor of Howard Community Academy	Education	Governance	Dec. 2022
Roger Hetherington	13.12.2023	Corporation	4 years	12.12.2027	The Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership	Local Conservation	Board member	Oct. 2020
					Son is Headmaster of More House School in Surrey	Education	Family	Sept. 2015
					Son is Headteacher of Longhoughton Primary School, Northumberland	Education	Family	Sept. 2024
Ruby-Rose Head	1.09.2025	Elected by Student Body	2 years	31.08.2027	Student at West Suffolk College	Education	Student	Sept. 2024
Sue Daley	20.03.2015	Corporation	3 years	12.12.2026	Vice Chair of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2018

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Vice Chair					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2018
Sue Hughes	24.10.2025	Corporation	4 years	23.10.2029	Self Employed Business Advisor	Services to Business	Employee	April 2025
					Non – Executive Director at Healthwatch Suffolk CIC	Healthcare	Governance	May 2021
					Non-Executive Trustee at St Edmundsbury Cathedral	Religious Organisation	Governance	Jan 2021
					Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk	Crown's Representative	Non-Political	Sept 2023
					High Sheriff's Association Member	Professional Body	Membership	
Sue Snowdon	07.03.2025	Corporation	4 years	06.03.2029	Trustee of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2022 to August 2024
					Associate member of ASCL	Professional Body	Membership	2016
					Director, Owner and Employee of Orford General Store Ltd.	Other	Employee	Aug. 2016
					Postmaster of Orford General Store	Other	Other	Aug. 2016
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2024

Committee members	Appointment Began	Appointed by	Appointment Term	Term Ends	Interest	Nature of Business	Nature of Interest	Interest Began/Ended
Beverley Welham (Sixth Form Educational Excellence Committee)	24.10.2025	Elected by parents of Abbeygate Sixth Form	2 years	23.10.2027	Daughter is student at Abbeygate Sixth Form	Education	Family	Sept 2025
Chris Ridgeon (Finance Committee)	°23.11.2018	Joint Boards	n/a	^31.08.2028	Partner of Whitings LLP Chartered Accountants	Accountancy	Employee	April 2002
Deborah Wildridge (Finance Committee, Resources Committee)	°01.11.2023	Joint Boards	n/a	^31.08.2026	Director of Whitings Wealth Management	Accountancy	Governance	Dec 2009
					Locality	Charity	Employee	Aug. 2019 to Aug 2025
					Director of William Francis Specialist Cars Ltd.	Motor Vehicle	Governance	Oct. 2023
					East Cambs Trading Company Ltd	Construction	Employee	June 2025
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2018
Helen Arnold (Apprenticeship and HE Educational Excellence Committee)	°01.09.2024	Corporation	1 year	31.08.2026	University of East Anglia	Education	Employee	Aug. 2021
					Member of Eastern Education Group Trust's Primary Educational Excellence Committee	Education	Governance	Sept. 2024
					Governor of Exning Primary School Governing Body	Education	Governance	Feb. 2019 to Aug. 2024
					Children are students at Exning Primary School	Education	Family	Sept. 2018
					Partner works for Just SO plumbing	Services to Business	Family	June 2023
Henry Nydam (Audit and Risk Management Committee)	°01.09.2024	Corporation	1 year	31.08.2026	Spencer West Solicitors	Lawyer	Partner	Sept. 2021
					Child is a student at Abbeygate Sixth Form	Education	Family	Sept. 2023 to August 2025
Karen Points (Finance Committee, Sixth Form Educational Excellence Committee, Resources Committee)	°01.11.2023	Joint Boards	n/a	^31.08.2026	Abbeycroft Leisure	Sport	Employee	April 2018
					Fellow of Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	Professional Body	Membership	1990
					Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2018
Neil Kellett (Resources Committee)	°01.09.2024	Joint Boards	n/a	^31.08.2028	Member of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Education	Governance	April 2023 to August 2024
					Trustee of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Education	Governance	Sept. 2015 to August 2024
					Trustee of SENDAT Trading	Education	Governance	May 2023
					Self-employed Health and Safety Trainer	Education	Employee	March 2021 to Aug 2025

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					Member of Institution of Occupational Safety and Health Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Professional Body Education	Membership Governance	April 2017 Sept. 2024
Paul Frazer-Gale (Audit and Risk Management Committee)	14.03.2024	Corporation	1 year	13.03.2025	AXA Member of Eastern Education Group Trust's Audit and Risk Management Committee	Audit Education	Employee Governance	July 2017 Sept 2024
Richard Attwell (Finance Committee)	°07.03.2025	Joint Boards	n/a	^31.08.2028	Trustee of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust Jockey Club, Newmarket Son is a student at West Suffolk College Wife is the Finance Director of the British Racing School	Education Sport Education Sport	Governance Employee Family Family	Sept. 2019 to August 2024 Aug. 2007 Sept. 2024 Feb. 2013
Sandra Garner (Sixth Form Educational Excellence Committee)	°24.10.2025	Elected by Parents	2 years	23.10.2027	Parent of Student at Suffolk One NHS Suffolk and North-East Essex Integrated Care Board	Education Healthcare	Family Employee	Sept. 2025 Feb. 2010
Sarah Howard (Sixth Form Educational Excellence Committee)	°01.01.2026	Joint Boards	n/a	31.12.2029	Chair of British Chamber of Commerce Chair of Abbeycroft Leisure Owner of Sarand Ltd Chair of Newmarket Charitable Foundation Corporation's representative Member of Eastern Education Group Trust Governor of West Suffolk College Consultant of West Suffolk College	Representative Body Charity Private Company Charity Education Education Education	Governance Governance Director Governance Governance Governance Employee	July 2016 Sept. 2009 Nov. 1994 Oct. 2021 to Aug 2025 June 2021 to Dec. 2025 July 2016 to Dec. 2025 Jan. 2026

Key

'joint Boards' means a joint appointment by the Corporation and the Trust Board of the Eastern Education Group Trust

° is the date which members were first appointed to the joint Committee(s) of the Corporation and of the Trust Board of the Eastern Education Group Trust

^ is used to show the term end date of Trustees of the Eastern Education Group Trust, which are appointed to joint Committee(s)

* is used to show the term end date of Parent members appointed to the joint Sixth Form Educational Excellence Committee, in accordance with the Eastern Education Group Trust's Articles of Association

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Former Governors whose term ended within the last 12 months:

Name	Appointment Began	Appointed by	Appointment Ended	Interest	Nature of Business	Nature of Interest	Interest Began/Ended
Kacper Gwara	09.12.2024	Elected by student body	18.03.2025	Student at West Suffolk College	Education	Student	Sept. 2023
James Gazzard	15.12.2016	Corporation	17.06.2025	Universities Association of Lifelong Learning	Sector Body	Board member	Sept. 2017
				University of Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education	Education	Employee	April 2016
				Fellow of University of Cambridge's Wolfson College	Education	Governance	Oct. 2016
				Honorary Professor at University of East Anglia	Education	Other	2017
				Member of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	Dec. 2021
Malcolm Downes	14.03.2024	Corporation	10.10.2025	Volunteer at Shaw Trust	Charity	Governance	April 2024- July 2025
				Member of Musicians Union	Professional Body	Membership	March 2023- July 2025
Sarah Howard	14.07.2016	Corporation	31.12.2025	Chair of British Chamber of Commerce	Representative Body	Governance	July 2016
				Chair of Abbeycroft Leisure	Charity	Governance	Sept. 2009
				Owner of Sarand Ltd	Private Company	Director	Nov. 1994
				Chair of Newmarket Charitable Foundation	Charity	Governance	Oct. 2021- Aug 2025
				Corporation's representative Member of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education	Governance	June 2021- Dec 2025

Former committee members whose term ended within the last 12 months:

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John McCourt (SEND Educational Excellence Committee)	01.09.2024	Trust Board	20.01.2025	Trustee of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust Office for Police and Crime Commissioner Norfolk: Independent Custody Visitor. Gardener for the National Trust Gardener LGB member of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Education Other Charity Education	Governance Volunteer Volunteer Governance	Nov. 2021 to August 2024 Sept. 2015 Sept. 2015 Dec. 2021 to August 2024
Josie Finch (SEND Educational Excellence Committee)	20.01.2025	Trust Board	07.03.2025	Suffolk County Council Director of Lofty Heights Ltd. Advisory Board member of Game Anglia C.I.C. Independent Person for Suffolk's joint borough/district councils Member of Career Development Institute LGB member of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust	Local Politics Social Work Educational Support Local Politics Professional Body Education	Employee Governance Governance Governance Member Governance	Nov. 2022 March 2024 Aug. 2022 Oct. 2022 Aug. 2023 May 2021 to August 2024
Lisa Ireland (Post-16 Educational Excellence Committee)	°13.12.2023	Elected by parents of One Sixth Form	03.06.2025	Department for Education Parent, Teacher and Friends Association Trustee and Committee member at Bildeston Primary School Husband is a governor at Bildeston Primary School Daughter is a student at One Sixth Form	Education Education Education Education Education	Employee Governance Family Family Governance	Sept. 2000 Sept. 2022 June 2023 Sept. 2023 Dec. 2023
Michael Cadman (SEND Educational Excellence Committee)	20.01.2025	Trust Board	07.03.2025	LGB member of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Trust Member of British Dental Association Granddaughters is a student at Sir John Leman High School Volunteers Senior Waterways Chaplain Member of Suffolk Education Appeals Panel, part of Suffolk County Council Chair of Governors at Fen Rivers School, Kings Lynn	Education Professional Body Education Waterways Education Education Charity	Governance Member Family Volunteer Governance Governance Governance	Nov. 2023 to Aug. 2024 Jan. 1973 Sept. 2018 Feb. 2020 Nov. 2013 Dec. 2023 Jan. 2015

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				Chair of the Lowestoft Branch of Good News of Everyone (formerly Gideons UK) Beccles Bible Believers Fellowship	Place of worship	Volunteer	1982
Rachael Holden (Post-16 Educational Excellence Committee)	°27.03.2024	Elected by parents of Abbeygate Sixth Form	20.06.2025	Raedwald Trust Daughters are students at West Suffolk College Sixth Form Treasurer of West Suffolk Teachers Union	Education Education Education	Employee Family Voluntary	Sept. 2022 Sept. 2024 June 2021
Richard Murray (Resources Committee)	°01.11.2023	Trust Board	17.11.2025	Cambridge University Press and Assessment Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Education Education	Employee Governance	Sept. 2016 Dec. 2023
Roger Inman (SEND Educational Excellence Committee)	°01.09.2024	Trust Board	07.03.2025	Co-Owner of Stone King LLP Trustee of Eastern Education Group Trust	Lawyer Education	Employee Governance	May 2008 Nov. 2016