

Ad Astra Academy Trust
Members & Trustees Register of Business Interests 2026-27

Name	Member	Trustee	Staff	Directorships, partnerships, employments with businesses	Trusteeships / Governorships at other educational institutions and charities	Involvement in official capacity with outside organisation	Immediate family business interests	Related to Member of staff of Ad Astra AT
Members								
Chris Simmons	✓			Nil	Chair of Trustees, Hartlepool Borough Council's Preston, Simpson & Sterndale Young Musicians' Trust (providing financial scholarships to young musicians in Hartlepool to support their music education) since 10 May 2009. Treasurer, West View Advice & Resource Centre (financial community organisation operating in the West View area of Hartlepool) since 10 May 2009. Vice Chair, West View	Nil	Nil	N/A

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					Project (Youth Club and Community organisation operating in the West View area of Hartlepool) since 10 May 2009.			
Craig Malarkey	✓			Partner/Employee, Swinburne Maddison LLP (law firm) since 1 December 2021.	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Greg Baldwin	✓			Employee, Honeywell Technologies (chemical manufacturing company) since 8 August 1992.	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Katherine Flounders	✓			Director, Safeguarding Practitioners Ltd. (Safeguarding Consultancy) since 4 February 2014.	Trustee, Caudwell Youth, a charitable organisation, since 6 February 2023.	Nil	Nil	N/A

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				Director, North-East Law Centre (legal firm) since 30 June 2024.				
Trustees								
Alison Anderson		✓		Employee (Chief Executive Officer), ACT Multi-Academy Trust since 31 August 2023.	St. Bede Inter-Church Academy – Trustee since 30 June 2025.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Andrew Brown (OBE)		✓	✓	Nil	Trustee, Darlington FC Foundation since 1 January 2019.	Nil	Nil	N/A
David New (Chair of Resources Committee)		✓		Nil	Trustee, Horizons Specialist Academy Trust (education provider) since 29 August 2021.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Elizabeth Elwell		✓		Director, Origin People & Culture Ltd. (HR and Management Consultancy) since 19 April 2025.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Mark Tilling (Vice-Chair of Trust Board and Chair of Resources Committee)		✓		Headteacher, High Tunstall College of Science, Hartlepool since 1 September 2010.	LGB Member, Acklam Grange School since 30 September 2024. Chair of Governors, Federation of Lynnfield & Golden Flatts Primary Schools, Hartlepool since 12 September 2023. Ex-officio Governor, High Tunstall College of Science, Hartlepool since 1 September 2010. Chair of Trustees, Hartlepool United Sport in the Community Foundation since 01 January 2012 (ceased 9 October 2024).	Nil	Nil	N/A

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					Member of Management Committee, Horizon School Pupil Referral Unit since 13 July 2024. Trustee, Hartlepool Borough Council's Preston, Simpson & Sterndale Young Musicians' Trust (providing financial scholarships to young musicians in Hartlepool to support their music education) since 1 January 2013.			
Paul Rickeard		✓		Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust – Chief Executive Officer since 13 November 2025.	Member, The Cheviot Learning Trust since 1 September 2023. Member, British Trust of Ornithology since 1 August 1995.	Nil	Nil	N/A

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Penelope Norman		✓		Employee, Finyx (Consultancy & Advisory Services)	Nil	Nil	Sarah Norman Assessments – SEN Assessments (Sister)	N/A
Richenda Broad (Chair)		✓		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A

Historic (left within the last 12 months)								
Emma Robins		✓		Headteacher, New Silksworth Infant and Junior Academies, part of Extol Multi-Academy Trust (education provider) since 17 September 2021.	Trustee, Caring Matters Now (a charitable organisation) since 8 October 2023.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Laura Ashurst	✓			Nil	Patron, Trinity Holistic Centre at The James Cook University Hospital (complementary therapies for cancer patients) since 23 January 2020.	Nil	Nil	N/A

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					Trustee, METUPUK (breast cancer patient advocacy charity) since 22 September 2025.			
Peter Noteyoung		✓		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A