

CARDINAL POLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP 2026/27

GOVERNOR	CATEGORY	ELECTED BY	APPOINTED/ TERM OF OFFICE REVIEWED	COMMITTEES/RESPONSIBILITIES	REGISTERED INTEREST
Adam Hall 	Executive Headteacher	N/A	N/A	HR & Resources, Admissions and Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committees	None
Profile I am proud to serve as the Executive Headteacher of Cardinal Pole Catholic School. I have served the school community since 2014 in several senior roles prior to my appointment as Headteacher in September 2022 and then at Executive Headteacher across Bishop Challoner and Cardinal Pole Catholic Schools in September 2024. I have worked in Catholic education for 18 years and have degrees in Theology and Educational Leadership alongside being a serving school inspector. I am deeply committed to ensuring that each student leaves Cardinal Pole as a happy, well-educated, confident young person thoroughly prepared for the next phase of their lives. I truly believe that education is the biggest lever we can pull to positively affect not only individual students, but society more widely.					
Father David Evans 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2006 Ends 31/8/2020	HR & Resources Committee and Appeals Committee	Chair of the Governing Body at Bishop Challoner Catholic School
Profile I am a Foundation Governor at Cardinal Pole and I am an experienced Governor, Chair and Vice Chair at both primary and secondary schools. I am currently the Chairman of the Governing Body and the Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Hackney and the Dean of the Borough of Hackney. I maintain close links with the school and pupils past and present and am also involved strategically as Chair of Governors and through work on the PDC hearings and the celebration of Mass.					
Paul Cullinan 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 01/01/2026 Ends 31/08/2029	HR & Resources Committee and Appeals Panels	None
Profile Paul and his wife have lived in Hackney for 45 years, where their three sons were born and grew up. He's a semi-retired hospital doctor and a parishioner at St John the Baptist church.					
Ethan Richards 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 01/03/2024 Ends 31/08/2027	HR, Finance & Premises Committee and Appeals Panel	None
Profile I am a strategic communications and political consultant working in the City of London. As a life-long resident of Hackney and a former student at Cardinal Pole, I have become a Foundation Governor as I am keen to work alongside fellow board members and teachers to continue to maintain the high standards of the school.					

Melissa Gomez 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 01/01/2023 Ends 31/08/2026	HR & Resources Committee, Admissions, Performance Management and Appeals Panels	Works at HRUC College
	Profile I am a Foundation Governor at Cardinal Pole and I became a Governor having gone to the three Catholic schools in the borough and remain a resident who wanted to give back to young people in Hackney. I am committed to supporting young people to access good education and resources so in turn they can achieve their full true potential. As Director of Human Resources, I have a passion about ensuring that the right person is placed in the right job and they have students at the heart of what they do, so they can contribute to each student's true potential. I am committed to supporting the school to achieve outstanding standards of education and create a positive learning environment. I enjoy music, reading and travelling around the world.				
Tessa Lubrun 	Parent Governor	Cardinal Pole Parents	Commenced 02/10/2023 Ends 01/20/2027	HR & Resources Committee, Quality of Education & Student Welfare and Appeals Panel	None
	Profile I am a Parent Governor born and raised in Hackney. I became a Parent Governor as I wanted to give back to the community and the young people of the Cardinal Pole community. After having two of my children attend the school, I want to support the school and its students to be the best they can be and achieve their full potential. I enjoy music, travelling and exercise.				
Chanelle Paul 	Parent Governor	Cardinal Pole Parents	Commenced 23/10/2020 Ends 24/10/2028	Quality of Education & Student Welfare, Admissions and HR & Resources Committees and Appeals Panel	None
	Profile Through my educational, community outreach experiences and work background my aim as Parent Governor is to help reduce risk and create change of the pressures faced academically by pupils, ensuring policies and guidelines are met with practical measures and meeting standards. I currently work in Facilities Management for two local churches and carry out the role of Community Co-ordinator for a registered charity. During the pandemic I began volunteering to deliver food parcels and explored community outreach by opening a food bank; supporting those who are vulnerable and in need of the community led resource. I am a hands-on parent, invested and committed in supporting ways to nurture a child's potential and well-being as well as supporting the improvement of school standards. Achieving a BA (Hons) in Modern Drama Studies I worked with disadvantaged pupils, allowing me to understand the importance of engaging with young people from various backgrounds in methodical and creative ways to help marginalise the challenges some may experience through the education system. To identify, highlight and provide practical solutions geared in the direction to support the attainment of their educational goals is paramount.				
Simeon Marriott-Dixon 	Other	London Borough of Hackney	Commenced 18/05/2020 Ends 19/05/2028	Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee and Appeals Panel	Senior Youth Support & Development Worker at London Borough of Hackney
	Profile As a lifelong resident of Hackney and former pupil at Cardinal Pole Catholic School, I am personally invested in supporting local young people to achieve their true potential through an inclusive and inspiring educational experience. In my professional capacity, I am an experienced youth worker with a passion for utilising sport-based initiatives to promote positive opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. As the designated Local Authority Governor for Cardinal Pole, I am responsible for providing the Governing Body with an understanding of the current London Borough of Hackney educational policies and strategic approaches for school improvement.				

Lou Leaves 	Co-opted	Governing Body	Commence 29/11/2023 Ends 28/11/2027	Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee, Admissions and Appeals Panel	None
Profile I am the Co-opted Governor at Cardinal Pole and also a long-standing Governor at Baden Powell Primary School, where both my children went. My son now attends Cardinal Pole and I am interested in ensuring we are looking at all aspects from teaching to communication and parent, child and teacher well-being. I am an Executive Assistant at a marketing firm and I own my own hair business. I look forward to supporting the school in the best way I can.					
Cynthia John 	Staff Governor	School Staff & Governing Body	Commenced 22/09/2025 Ends 21/09/2029	Quality of Education & Student Welfare	Member of School/Trust Staff
Profile I am a Staff Governor at Cardinal Pole Catholic School and am currently the Inclusion Manager and one of the Deputy Safeguarding Leads. I am very honoured to have been working at Cardinal Pole for 26 years. Having lived in Hackney for most of my life, I am deeply invested in my community and am committed to helping our students reach their full potential. I am proud to be part of the Cardinal Pole community, serving our young people and their families.					