



BISHOP CHALLONER 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 Bishop Challoner Catholic School, I was appointed in September 2024 and have held several senior roles prior to my appointment including Headteacher, Associate Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher at Cardinal Pole Catholic School. 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 Bishop Challoner 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 2026 Ends 2030	HR & Resources Committee and Appeals Committee	Chair of the Governing Body at Cardinal Pole Catholic School
Profile I am the Chair of Governors at Bishop Challoner and I am an experienced Foundation Governor and also the Chair at Cardinal Pole Catholic school. I am also 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 Appeals.					
Sheila Mouna 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2023 Ends 2027	Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee and Appeals Committee	
Profile I have worked in schools in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for over twenty five years, twenty of those as a senior leader across three schools. I was Headteacher of Saint Anne's and Guardian Angels Catholic Primary school in Whitechapel from 2012 – 2023. I continue to support schools in Tower Hamlets as a Leadership Consultant with Tower Hamlets Education Partnership, (THEP) as well as being a member of Tower Hamlets Scrutiny Committee for education, safeguarding and social care. I have lived in Tower Hamlets for over thirty years and have an excellent expert knowledge of both living and working in the borough.					
Father Derek Hyett 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2025 Ends 2028	HR & Resources Committee, Performance Management and Appeals Panels	None
Profile Originally from the North West, I've been living and working in Hackney for the past nine years as a parish priest. I have previously served as a Governor in three schools both primary and secondary in the Diocese of Westminster. It is good to be serving as a Foundation Governor here at Bishop Challoner to support the life and the mission of this fantastic Catholic school.					

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Vikki Bradney-Spencer 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2025 Ends 2028	Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee and Appeals Panel	None
	Profile I joined Bishop Challoner as a Foundation Governor in 2020 and currently Chair the Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee as well as serving as link governor for the Sixth Form. I have been a school Governor in Tower Hamlets for over 20 years and previously chaired the Governing Body at St Anne's & Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School until 2023. I believe strongly in the vital role schools play - through a faith-centred lens - in preparing the next generation for the world of work, helping them develop the aspirations, skills, and values needed to succeed and contribute meaningfully to their communities. I am a practising Catholic at St Patrick's Church in Wapping, where I live with my husband (and two grown-up daughters on & off) who attended Catholic schools. Professionally, I have 30 years' experience in Marketing, Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility at organisations including IBM, PwC and Barclays. I am proud to support our Bishop Challoner students and the Leadership Team.				
Jerry Kearns 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2023 Ends 2027	HR and Resources Committee and Appeals Panel	None
	Profile I have had links with Bishop Challoner Catholic School since moving to Tower Hamlets in 2010, when my two older children attended the school. Both have since graduated from UEL and Kent Universities, respectively, whilst my youngest child recently completed Year 11, passing all his GCSE's and beating predicted grades across the board. With a vested interest in the success of the school, I am happy to actively serve as a Foundation Governor. I am a chartered mechanical engineer (CEng MIMechE), with many years of experience supplying engineering support to major suppliers in the energy and pharmaceutical sectors on a contractual basis through my own limited company. I have an MEng, MSc in Mathematics and an MBA from the Open University and I am secretary the Finance Committee at Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Bethnal Green, where I am parish organist.				
Symone Keisha 	Foundation	Governing Body & The Diocese of Westminster	Commenced 2026 Ends 2030	HR and Resources Committee and Appeals Panel	None
	Profile As a former student of Bishop Challoner Catholic School and a lifelong Tower Hamlets resident, I have a strong connection to both the school and the community. I'm passionate about supporting the wellbeing and opportunities of young people in the borough, as well as contributing to the wider community. With nine years of experience as a freelance copywriter in the marketing industry, I bring strong communication, creative thinking and professional insight to the role. I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow governors and the school's leadership to support Bishop Challoner's continued development and the success of its students.				
Tim Gladstone 	Staff	Bishop Challoner Staff Members & Governing Body	Commenced 2022 Ends 2030	Quality of Education & Student Welfare Committee & Appeals Panel	Member of Staff at Bishop Challoner
	Profile I am the Staff Governor here at Bishop Challoner Catholic School, I was elected to the Governing Body in 2022 and again in 2026 and have been a History teacher here since 2018. My role allows me to represent the views and concerns of teaching and non-teaching staff, while also supporting the Governing Body in its responsibilities around school direction and strategy. Through my position as Governor I aim to promote decisions which drive high standards, support staff wellbeing and help the growth of all pupils within the school, both academically and pastorally.				

VACANCY	Foundation Governor	Diocese of Westminster	Commenced ?? Ends ??	TBA	
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VACANCY	Parent Governor	Bishop Challoner Parents	Commenced ?? Ends ??	TBA	None
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VACANCY	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Commenced ?? Ends ??		
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