



ATHENA
LEARNING TRUST

Athena Learning Trust Trustee

Applicant Pack

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Governance at:
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role further



Being an Athenian

At Athena, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and shape a brighter future. We are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community, where students, educators, and parents collaborate to achieve academic excellence and personal growth. Our commitment to "**dream big, take responsibility, and be kind**" underpins everything we do, inspiring our students to aim high, take ownership of their learning, and treat each other with respect and compassion.

We are inspired by wisdom, creativity and learning. Determined to create a world where all children get to go to great schools, our mission is to provide the knowledge and education to bring opportunities, choices and freedom.

If you want to be part of an inspirational team of big thinkers who will support you to develop your full potential and value your knowledge, passion, wellbeing and commitment, it sounds like you could be on your way to joining us and becoming an Athenian.



Athena Learning Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust with 9 schools across Cornwall and Devon currently educating over 6000 primary and secondary aged pupils. We are seeking to appoint a new Trustee to join our committed and experienced Board. We are dedicated to providing world class education for all our pupils. Our vision is to empower every child to reach their full potential and lead a great life.

About the role

As a Trustee, you will play a vital role in driving the strategic direction and governance of the Trust. Your key responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring high standards of educational performance across all our schools
- Overseeing the financial health and sustainability of the Trust
- Contributing to the development and implementation of the Trust's strategic plans
- Holding the CEO and senior leaders to account



Person specification

We are seeking individuals who share our passion for improving student outcomes and have the following qualities:

- Strategic thinking and vision: You can think critically and contribute to long-term planning
- Commitment to educational excellence: You have a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing schools today
- Financial literacy: You are comfortable interpreting financial information and making sound financial decisions
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills: You can work effectively as part of a team
- Integrity and commitment: You are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of governance

Desirable skills and experience:

- Experience in estates management, health and safety, and/or procurement
- Knowledge of charity governance and the legal framework for academies
- A strong understanding of safeguarding and child protection

Time commitment:

- Attendance at 6 Board meetings per year (approx 2 hours per meeting)
- Attendance at committee meetings, depending on area of expertise and vacancies within committees (1 hour per meeting). Most trustees attend 1 - 3 committee meetings per half term
- Visits to trust schools
- Ad-hoc occasional panel attendance (for example, disciplinary)

How to apply:

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