

Trustees and Local Governing Body

Bennett is an academy in the Tenax Schools Trust. An academy is a state-funded, independent school. The Tenax Schools Trust is a Church of England ‘multi academy trust’.

The ‘members’ of the Tenax Schools Trust are the Bishop of Rochester, the Area Dean of Tunbridge Wells, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge and the Chichester DBE (represented by the Archdeacon of Hastings). These members appoint the board of trustees which governs the Tenax Schools Trust as a whole, including taking responsibility for its financial health and overall accountability for its educational outcomes.

For matters pertaining specifically to Bennett as an individual school, the trustees appoint a ‘local governing body’ (LGB) which is specific to Bennett. As well as local governors appointed by the trustees, Bennett’s local governing body also includes an elected staff governor, two elected parent governors, and the headteacher of Bennett.

The cycle of meetings for both the board of trustees and the local governing body is set out in the school calendar.

Current trustees and local governors for Bennett are set out below.

NAME	Trustee / Bennett Governor
Trustees	
Lady (Jacqueline) Evans	Trustee (Chair)
Ms Cherie Sargent	Trustee
Mr Simon Curtis	Trustee
Mr Matt Bedford	Trustee
Mr Trevor Cristin	Trustee
Mr David Godfrey	Trustee
Mr David Ralph JP	Trustee
Mr James Shaw-Hamilton	Trustee
Mr Ian Bauckham CBE	Trustee (ex officio)
Bennett Local Governing Body	
Mr Simon Curtis	Bennett Governor (Chair)
Mr James Shaw- Hamilton	Bennett Governor
Reverend Canon Bryan Knapp	Bennett Governor
Mrs Joanna Langton	Bennett Governor
Mrs Brenda Holden	Bennett Governor (Parent)
Mr Ben Turner-Moore	Bennett Governor (Parent)
Mr Pete Town	Bennett Governor (Staff)
Mr Jon Sparke	Headteacher
Col. William English, CBE	Bennett Governor

Clerk to Board of Trustees: Mrs Maria Campbell

Clerk to the LGB: Mrs Hilary Sutton