



Governor Training &
Professional Development
Programme 2025-26



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Supporting confident governance through high-quality development opportunities

Dear Governor,

We are pleased to launch the Camden Governor Training Programme for 2025–26. This year's programme continues our commitment to equipping governors and trustees with the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to provide strong support and challenge in schools across Camden.

As ever, we are holding regular Camden Governor briefings through the year and the annual Governor Conference in the spring. These events promise fresh insights, powerful networking opportunities, and the chance to stay ahead of key developments in education governance.

What's New In 2025–26?

This year's offer includes a number of exciting new courses and updated content in response to feedback and emerging priorities. New sessions include sessions on Behaviour, Exclusions and Suspensions, Governors' HR duties, Data Protection and FOI. We will also be welcoming experienced new presenters for our Governor Induction and our Effective Governance sessions. We will retain our sessions focused on safeguarding and SEND.

Governors will also have access to sessions on Systems Leadership and to the suite of courses being offered to school leaders on the new Ofsted framework.

We continue to offer a mix of online and in-person sessions to suit your availability and preferred learning style. Our sessions are led by experienced facilitators, including Camden officers, educational consultants, and governors themselves.

Key Dates For Your Diary

Make a note of these key training events coming up in the autumn term:

Wed 10 Sep 2025 4:00 PM [Clerks and Governance Professionals' Briefing](#)

Thu 25 Sep 2025 6:00 PM [Camden Governors' Briefing](#)

Wed 22 Oct 2025 6:00 PM [Global Majority Governor Network](#)

Thu 20 Nov 2025 6:00 PM [Camden Chairs' Network](#)

Below, you'll find some of the major changes and highlights to this year's programme. We can't wait to see you at these enriching events, where you'll not only grow your expertise but also contribute to the future of Camden's schools. We look forward to welcoming you in the new academic year.

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Programme Highlights

Behaviour, Exclusions and Suspensions

Explore the governor's role in shaping behaviour policy and overseeing exclusions and suspensions. This session aligns with current Ofsted expectations and offers practical tools to support school leaders and promote a positive school culture.

Being a Parent Governor

This session is designed for parent governors—and governors who are parents—offering guidance on navigating the role, balancing perspectives, and contributing effectively to governance. It's also a chance to connect with others in similar positions.

Being an Effective Clerk and Governance Professional

This two-part series supports clerks and governance professionals in developing their skills. The first session focuses on effective clerking practices, while the second explores clerking panels such as exclusions, complaints, HR, and admissions.

Budget Setting - How to Support & Challenge

This session helps governors understand school finances and how to support and challenge budget planning. With practical examples and strategic advice, it's essential for governors navigating today's financial landscape.

Complaint Handling

This essential training session is designed for school governors to develop confidence and clarity in handling complaints in line with the revised Camden School Complaints Policy (May 2025). The course will guide governors through the full lifecycle of a complaint—from informal concerns to formal investigation—ensuring roles and responsibilities are clearly understood and applied consistently.

Chairs' Network (Termly)

Held in person, these sessions offer Chairs the chance to connect, share experiences, and explore key challenges. With breakout discussions for primary and secondary phases, they're a valuable forum for peer support and strategic thinking.

Duties as an Employer

Understand your responsibilities as an employer, including recruitment, performance management, equality, and compliance. This session equips governors to ensure their school meets legal obligations while fostering a positive working environment.

Effective Governance

This session explores what makes governance work well in practice. Learn how to embed strong systems, behaviours, and procedures to ensure your board is strategic, accountable, and impactful.

Governors' Briefing (Termly)

These online briefings provide timely updates on local and national education issues. Open to all governors at no cost, each session is recorded and made available on Governor Hub as both a video and podcast for flexible access.



Global Majority Governors' Network

In partnership with Islington Council, this network supports governors from Black, Asian, and other Global Majority backgrounds. Open to all, the sessions focus on topics chosen by participants and provide a space for connection, leadership, and shared learning.

Religious Education Curriculum for Governors

Governors will gain insight into the structure and intent of Camden's inclusive, enquiry led RE syllabus, explore how RE contributes to pupils' spiritual, moral, and cultural development, and learn practical strategies for effective monitoring and support. Through interactive activities, film-based learning, and expert guidance, governors will be empowered to champion high-quality Religious Education and Collective Worship provision that reflects the diversity and values of their school communities.

SEND Network (Termly)

These sessions support governors with SEND responsibilities by offering a collaborative space to explore inclusive practice, policy updates, and strategic oversight. Whether you're new to the role or experienced, you'll gain insight and confidence to support your school's SEND provision.

Young Governors Programme

Now in its second year, this initiative encourages young people to step into governance roles. With termly networking events and an end-of-year celebration, it's a great opportunity for younger governors to contribute fresh perspectives and shape the future of Camden's schools.

This year's programme is packed with opportunities to strengthen your skills and connect with fellow governors. Be sure to mark these dates in your calendar and take full advantage of what's on offer!

Training Programme 2025-2026

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Title	Date	Time	Venue
Attendance	13/10/2025	6:00PM	Zoom
Camden Governors' Briefing	25/09/2025 21/01/2026 06/05/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Camden Learning Annual General Meeting and Lecture	05/02/2026	4:00 PM	TBC
Clerks and Governance Professionals' Briefing	10/09/2025 07/01/2026 29/04/2026	4:00 PM	Zoom
Adultification	12/11/2025	6:00PM	Zoom
Equalities for Governors	06/07/2025	6:00PM	Zoom
Global Majority Governor Network	22/10/2025 26/02/2026 10/06/2026	6:00PM	In Person
Governing Multiple Schools as a single Board	11/12/2025	6:00PM	Zoom

Title	Date	Time	Venue
Governor Conference	16/05/2026	9:00AM	Zoom
Camden Learning Annual General Meeting and Lecture	05/02/2026	4:00 PM	TBC
Governor Induction 1: Roles and Responsibilities	25/11/2025 03/03/2026 14/05/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Governor Induction 2: Understanding your school context and challenging and supporting school leaders	02/12/2025 17/03/2026 21/05/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Governor Induction 3: Safeguarding	08/12/2025 24/03/2026 15/07/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Headteacher and Staff Pay and Performance Management	01/10/2025	6:00PM	Zoom
How to support - and helpfully challenge - your school's budget setting	26/11/2025	6:00PM	Zoom
Management of School Finance for School Governors	13/01/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Managing an Executive Headteacher	21/10/2025	6:00PM	Zoom



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Mental Health in Schools	15/01/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Panels - Best practice	07/07/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Safeguarding Governors' Network	10/11/2025 22/06/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Safer Recruitment for Headteachers and Governors	12/11/2025 04/02/2026 16/04/2026	09.00AM	In Person
Succession Planning	03/11/2025 19/05/2026	6:00PM	Zoom
Trauma Informed Practice	12/05/2026	6:00PM	Zoom

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