

Chair of the Board of Governors

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As the current Chair approaches the conclusion of their term, Loretto School is seeking an outstanding individual to take on the role of Chair of the Board of Governors, helping to lead the School into its next exciting chapter. This is a prestigious and influential strategic leadership position, supporting Scotland's oldest boarding school and one of its most distinctive educational communities.

Founded in 1827, Loretto has a proud heritage and a clear sense of purpose. The School combines strong academic ambition with a commitment to character, wellbeing and the holistic development of young people, all within a close-knit and values-driven community. With an established reputation and a forward-looking vision, Loretto continues to evolve while remaining true to its founding principles.

The Role

The role of Chair is wide-ranging and impactful. Working in close partnership with the Head and senior leadership team, the Chair, along with the Board of Governors, provides strategic leadership to shape the long-term direction of the School.

Responsibilities include overseeing governance and performance, ensuring robust financial oversight and upholding the highest standards of accountability.

Alongside fellow Governors, the Chair also plays a key ambassadorial role, representing Loretto at internal and external events and engaging with the wider school community.

The successful candidate will be a proven senior-level leader, with experience of working effectively with both executive and non-executive teams. A strong background in areas such as strategic planning, performance evaluation and financial oversight is essential, as are excellent communication and interpersonal skills. While prior experience in the education sector would be an advantage, it is not essential. There is no need to be an OL/Former Pupil.



The expected time commitment is approximately **two/three** days per month, with meetings usually held in person at the School's campus in Musselburgh. This is an unremunerated role; however, reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Applications should be made by submission of a CV and covering letter. The closing date for applications is **28th February 2026**.

The successful candidate will take up the role from the start of the 2026/27 academic year, with opportunities to engage with the School during the preceding year to ensure a smooth and effective transition.

For further information about the role, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, **Claire Watt**, at clerk@loretto.com.



Our School

Loretto is a leading independent co-educational day and boarding school, welcoming 450 pupils aged 3-18.

The leafy 85-acre campus boasts excellent on-site academic, performing arts, sport, golf and outdoor facilities, including the first golf academy established within an independent school. Located just a stone's throw from Edinburgh, Loretto is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

Taking a holistic approach to education, every child is developed in mind, body and spirit. This ground-breaking educational philosophy was introduced by the School's most famous Head, Hely Hutchinson Almond. Loretto do not seek just academic excellence, but appreciate and nurture other talents within life such as sporting, musical, creative and spiritual talents. This ethos is as historic and vital a part of Loretto as its iconic red blazer.

What truly sets Loretto apart is its close-knit community. Loretto is where relationships between staff, pupils and parents flourish. The School's small size means that pupils are genuinely known and nurtured, ensuring they find the inspiration and encouragement they need to discover their unique talents and lead exceptional lives, both at school and beyond.





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