

23rd January 2024

Dear families and wider community,

Over the past 18 months LSA has been considering the potential benefits to education in this area of converting to an Academy and become part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We want to join with other like-minded and high-quality local schools/college on a partnership of equals basis to form an organisation that will further develop and enhance the education and life chances of the students in this area. Other partners have accompanied us on this journey and the governing bodies of each of the schools are proud to present for consultation the formation of a local Multi Academy Trust – a group of five schools who wish to establish a MAT to serve the students, parents, employers and local communities of this area.

The founder establishments of the trust would be:

- Chadwick High School, Lancaster
- The Blackpool Sixth Form College, Blackpool
- Hodgson Academy, Poulton-le-Fylde
- Lytham St Anne's High School, Lytham St Anne's
- McKee College House, Poulton-le-Fylde

Each of these providers is strong in its own right and we would be coming together to create something greater than the sum of the parts. We truly believe that this trust can drive educational standards further and make this a truly amazing area in which to be educated.

As part of our consultation on these proposals we are writing to you and would welcome your comments and questions; the link to provide these is included in the covering email. These will be considered at an extraordinary governing body meeting in February and therefore this consultation will close on Monday 19th February 2024 at 12pm. Where possible we will answer themes raised by updating our FAQs document which is attached to this communication.

We look forward to continuing to work together to enhance the life chances of the young people on the Fylde coast.



Ray Baker
Headteacher



Beverley Harrison
Chair of Governors