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# Denbigh School

Milton Keynes

Headteacher: Mr A Squires

## Consultation letter to parents and carers, staff and members of the local community

### PROPOSED CONVERSION TO A MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

A key priority of Denbigh School's Governing Body is to enable us to continue to provide an outstanding education for our students and sustaining the School's role at the heart of our community.

Since becoming an Academy in 2011, the School has continued to go from strength to strength, and has been recognised both locally and nationally for its outstanding achievements. This has been due to the hard work and commitment of its students, parents, staff and governors, and as a consequence of developing productive partnerships with other schools through becoming a 'Teaching School', a SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) and a Maths Hub.

More recently, as you will be aware, our intake has increased by 60 students per year, supported by a large capital build programme through the Dept for Education, which created additional state of the art accommodation under the "Expanding the Best" scheme. Consequently, over the next few years Denbigh will grow to be able to provide an excellent education for approximately 1700 students.

However, we need to recognise that the role of local authorities in supporting schools is diminishing, and that it is Government policy to encourage all schools to become academies and multi-academy trusts. This has now been formalised in the recent white paper "[Educational Excellence Everywhere](#)" published in March.

The Governing Body of Denbigh School has agreed that this is the next logical step in our development and is therefore beginning a formal consultation process with you, our stakeholders to convert from a single to a 'multi-academy trust' (M.A.T.).

The Governors and the School's Leadership Team consider the benefits to becoming a M.A.T. are:

- to continue to secure the very highest standards and achievement for our students;
- to utilise our high quality leadership and governance, focusing on strategic development, teaching and learning and accountability;
- to create a successful model for the future through strategic succession planning;
- to explore the potential to work more closely and to provide support for other local schools in the future;

The consultation is open to all, including the School's parents and carers, staff, and the local community.

The consultation period will start on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and continue for four weeks until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Further information regarding the consultation can be found on the Denbigh website at [www.denbigh.net](http://www.denbigh.net). Should you have any questions or comments during this time please do not hesitate to write to me at the following email address, [headteacher@denbigh.net](mailto:headteacher@denbigh.net).

Yours faithfully,



Willi Butler, Chair of Governors

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