

An Exciting Future Awaits Us



Richard Taunton Sixth Form College is proposing to change its legal status to an Academy and form a new multi-academy trust, in partnership with St Vincent College.

Message from Principal Alice Wrighton



“I am very excited by the prospect of forming a multi-academy trust with St Vincent College, which, if approved, would be known as the Lighthouse Learning Trust. To qualify for membership of the Trust, both colleges need to apply for Academy status.

The Trust, as a single legal entity, would then have overarching responsibility for the governance of both Academies.

We have chosen to partner with St Vincent College, which is based in Gosport, as a result of our strong sense of shared values and our existing relationship, which has seen us collaborate on many teaching and support-related projects.

Governors and leadership teams from both colleges believe that this move would help to further enhance our quality of teaching and broad ranging curriculum offer. It would also help to increase levels of achievement, support growth and innovation and ensure that all young people in both communities have access to first class education, regardless of background or circumstances.

Should the proposal go ahead, the Trust would later seek to extend membership to similar local schools and colleges who operate in a way that aligns with our shared values.

An exciting future awaits us! We look forward to taking you on our journey.”

Our Chair of Governors, Roger Woolley, says, “We strongly believe that this is the right way forward for the college. We have to respond to changing economic, political and social trends if we are to thrive. By taking this positive action we will secure the future of high quality post 16 education within our local community”.

Introducing Principal Matt Atkinson, St Vincent College



“This partnership offers a great opportunity for both colleges and numerous benefits for our respective students and local communities. Notably, it would harness and share the skills and expertise of successful managers and teachers across the Trust.

Should the creation of the multi-academy trust be approved, I would have the privilege of becoming the Chief Executive Officer, supported by Principal Alice Wrighton as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and my current Deputy David Jenkinson as Chief Finance Officer.

We would work together to further strengthen the quality of our teaching, enhance student outcomes and take advantage of endless best practice sharing opportunities”.

Multi-academy trust principles

- ▶ High quality teaching
- ▶ Maximise teaching and learning resources
- ▶ Inclusive and safe learning environments
- ▶ Be accountable to our communities
- ▶ Operate with integrity
- ▶ Celebrate successes.

Benefits of the proposed changes

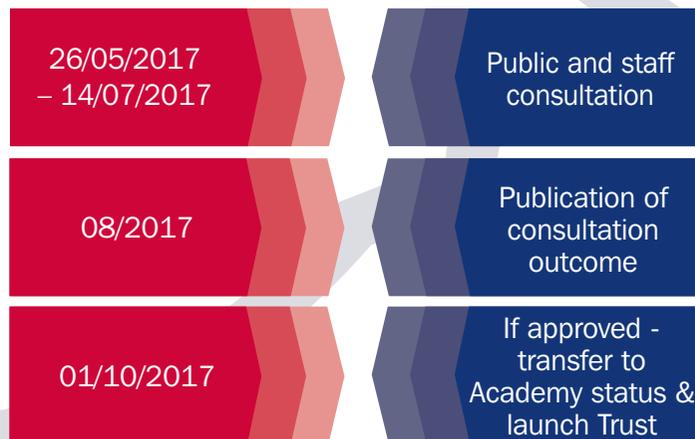
- ▶ **Improved student experience:**
More money can be spent on directly improving the student experience and the quality of teaching and learning
- ▶ **Raise quality and standards:**
Joint quality improvement strategies, best practice sharing, pooling of resources, unified planning and data analysis
- ▶ **Better offering, supports growth:**
First choice for those in our local community. Best possible education for students regardless of background or circumstances
- ▶ **Staff opportunities:**
Personal development, job opportunities, secondments, enhanced career progression, and greater job security
- ▶ **Financial savings:**
VAT exempt, reduced business rates, shared services model and improved cash flow
- ▶ **Investment opportunities:**
Can afford to make more investments in IT and teaching facilities (through joint economies of scale) and pursue innovative projects.



Key changes under this proposal

- ▶ Colleges transfer to Academy status
- ▶ Multi-academy trust formed with dedicated Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and board of trustees – all accountable for the performance of both colleges
- ▶ Staff employed by the Trust, via TUPE, rather than individual Academies
- ▶ Continued development of cross-college shared support services model
- ▶ Aligned curriculum, syllabus and exam board across Academies, to improve quality
- ▶ Enhanced opportunities to share good practice in teaching and learning, and accelerate quality improvement.

Timeline



How to find out more

To view the detailed consultation pack go to www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/publications

How to share your views

If you would like to share your views on this proposal, or ask questions, you can do so in two ways:

▶ Complete an online survey

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/richardtaunton>
Completion deadline: 14 July 2017

▶ Attend a public consultation meeting

Date: 19 June 2017
Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Location: Richard Taunton Sixth Form College, Hill Lane, Southampton, SO15 5RL

RSVP: By 12 June 2017
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