

# Castle Business & Enterprise College

'Every Child Matters'



7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## ACADEMY CONVERSION BRIEFING

As you may be aware, it is government policy to encourage all eligible schools to become academies. In the last few months our Local Authority has also made it clear that it expects all schools to consider the pros and cons of such a move. Becoming an academy means removing the school from the control of the Local Authority.

At Castle Business & Enterprise College there has been considerable discussion amongst the Governors about whether or not we should consider a change to academy status. It is government policy to encourage groups of schools that share the same values and objectives to form Multi Academy Trusts.

After carefully considering all of the factors involved the Governing Body of Castle Business & Enterprise College has resolved *"that an application be made to convert to academy status as part of a Multi Academy Trust called the Diverse Learning Trust subject to the outcome of due diligence and the required consultation"*.

In order to find out more about what academy status would mean, please visit our website. The full consultation documents can be found at <http://www.castlebusinessenterprisecollege.co.uk> along with copies of other items relating to academy conversion.

The Parent Forum will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 2.30 p.m. where you will be able to ask further questions.

If you wish to respond to this briefing you can email your views to [postbox@castle.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@castle.walsall.sch.uk). The consultation period will end on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. We are very interested to hear your views on our proposed change to academy status. Please make sure your views include your name as well as the name and tutor group of your son/daughter.

At Castle Business & Enterprise College our aim is to continue to provide excellent education for the children of local families in collaboration with other local schools, and we believe that the move to academy status will help us to maintain this.

We have already discussed the change in detail with other local schools. As a result of these discussions Castle Business & Enterprise College is committed to applying to convert to academy status as part of a Multi Academy Trust called the Diverse



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Learning Trust. Other schools are also considering joining this partnership, and may do so at a later date.

The educational objectives of the Trust are as follows:

- **The Quality of Teaching & Learning:** To work in partnership, to further enhance education and to provide an enjoyable, engaging and enriching learning experience for all pupils.
- **The Achievement of Pupils:** To work in partnership, to ensure all pupils develop into resourceful and responsible young people, equipped with the skills required to make the next steps in their education successful.
- **The Effectiveness of Leadership & Management:** To work in partnership, in order to share the expertise and resources needed to underpin the provision of excellent education.

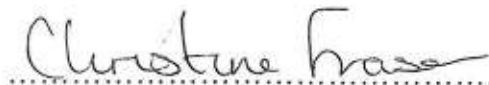
Thank you for your continued support of Castle Business & Enterprise College and we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,

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S. Murray (Mrs)

**Chair of Governors**

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**Head Teacher**