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Academy Consultation with MFG MAT

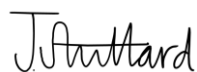
Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, Bowling Green Academy is part of The Great Heights Academy Trust. Our Trust currently has five schools in it across Calderdale, Kirklees, and Leeds. At present, we are the newest school within the Trust. Today sees the launch of stakeholder consultations as part of the Trust's growth developments to 'build a stronger, broader aged 2-18 Trust offer in West Yorkshire'.

The Trust is excited to share with you the attached letter detailing a proposal for the strategic collaboration of The MFG MAT with Great Heights Academy Trust (GHAT). Further to the attached letter, a website has been developed - <https://www.academyconsultation.org.uk/> - to provide further information on all the academies, alongside a list of frequently asked questions and answers. There is also an email address for you to contact the Trust directly with any further questions if required: MFG.GHATfaqs@greathightstrust.org.uk

This email is for information only and I can assure that that there are no planned changes to Bowling Green Academy and the school will continue to operate as normal.

Kind regards,



Jamie Stuttard,
Principal



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The MFG Academies Trust (The MFG MAT) is proposing to join the Great Heights Academy Trust (GHAT) and we are asking for your feedback.

The MFG MAT has been looking to strengthen the Trust for a long time and the board has considered carefully a number of other trusts in order to be certain which will be the most beneficial in terms of partnership for The MFG MAT.

Most importantly, The MFG MAT sought a partner with common views and values so that, together, both can move forward, develop, and evolve. The MFG MAT believes GHAT is the right partner.

From the perspective of each trust, there are real benefits to be gained from collaboration and growth, specifically the opportunity to offer a fully inclusive 2-18 education, utilising our shared knowledge, pedagogy, and experience to offer opportunities for our staff to learn from each other. We will develop excellent curriculum practice for each key stage, supporting greater learning outcomes for all our pupils and students.

It's our shared ambition to support our young people to aim high, to give them the right knowledge, skills, and opportunities and to provide the right pathways to fulfil their potential. This joining of schools will help us to build a stronger trust with a broader education offer to our area's children and help to secure a successful school community for many years to come.

GHAT is looking forward to working with The MFG MAT for the benefit of all the pupils in every Trust school.

Local collaboration will ensure that the interests of each school and their communities continue to be at the heart of decision-making. And the professional development opportunities within GHAT English Hub, Research School and, SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) will focus on developing and supporting great teachers across school and post-16 phases, providing continued professional development in support of all stages of teacher career pathways.

Ultimately the main beneficiaries will be the pupils as the increased capacity of the Trust will ensure that best practice is widely shared, and standards improve further.

However, there are still several processes for both trusts to navigate before The MFG MAT can formally join GHAT, including presenting the proposal to the locality Regional Schools Commissioner and considerations concerning the outcome of this consultation.

We value stakeholders' connections with the communities they serve and their knowledge of what they expect from the schools, and we are very keen to receive your feedback.

The consultation starts today (April 4th) and we have created a website detailing more information about the proposal, complete with FAQs and feedback form. Please visit <https://academyconsultation.org.uk>

We hope you will visit the website and share your thoughts, questions, or any concerns about the proposal.

We understand that you may have questions not addressed in the FAQs, we have set-up a dedicated email address for you to direct questions to and we will respond promptly. MFG.GHATfaqs@greathightstrust.org.uk

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