



Sir Jonathan North Community College

27 April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer/Stakeholder

Re: Consultation to become an Academy within the Lionheart Academies Trust (LAT)

Governors are proposing that Sir Jonathan North Community College becomes an Academy within the Lionheart Academies Trust (LAT). In considering conversion to Academy status and joining the Lionheart Academies Trust, the main priority for the Governing Body is that Sir Jonathan North continues to provide an excellent standard of education, care, guidance and support for every student.

Sir Jonathan North Community College is unique as the only multi faith state school for girls in Leicester and Leicestershire, drawing students from over 60 primary schools across the city. The college benefits from a diverse student intake in relation to academic ability, social background and cultural heritage. In addition to its designation as a National Support School and Teaching School, the college was awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark in 2016.

Key points

- Sir Jonathan North Community College will retain its unique identity and will continue to look and feel the same as it does now with the same dress code, school times, holiday pattern and admission policy. However, there will be a name change. The college will be known as 'Sir Jonathan North College' as legally we can no longer be called Sir Jonathan North Community College. Most other changes will be behind the scenes.
- An Executive Head teacher, Principal and Governing Body will continue to lead the college and parents will continue to be represented on the Governing Body.
- The LAT arrangements will share some services across schools helping them to be more efficient and to ensure that funding is focused on teaching, learning and support for students.

The Government and Local Authorities have made clear their intention for all schools to become Academies by 2022 and in particular for schools to organise themselves within groups. As their budgets are reduced, Local Authorities are also reducing the services that they have available to schools. Making this change now means Sir Jonathan North can develop in partnership with another outstanding school, enabling the college to continue to provide an excellent education for girls in the local community and to work with other schools within the Trust and local area to share best practice and to drive school improvement to raise educational outcomes for all learners.





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We believe that converting to academy status within the LAT will:

- Enable the college to continue to develop and deliver high quality teaching and learning for our students
- Allow greater freedom in developing the curriculum to make sure that it meets student need, ensuring every student can succeed whatever her background or circumstances
- Provide economic benefits such as centralised services and economies of scale
- Enable the college to support/be supported by other schools as the services from local authorities reduce
- Enable the college to retain high quality staff and to succession plan for the future.

The Governing Body believes that Academy status within the LAT is the best way to support Sir Jonathan North to continue to develop and improve; that working together within the Trust will bring benefits to teaching and learning which will impact positively on the overall educational achievement of all students at the college.

Included with this letter there is a list of Frequently Asked Questions which will be made available on our website.

Your views are important to us. If you would like to respond to the consultation, please follow the link below:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4317091/Proposal-to-become-an-Academy-within-The-Lionheart-Academies-Trust-LAT>

The consultation period begins on Friday 27 April 2018 and will end on Monday 4 June 2018. To be recorded as part of this consultation, all responses should be received by 3pm on Monday 4 June 2018.

Yours sincerely

John McGinley
Chair of Governors

