

Our ref: ljm/AMG/Correspondence

10 February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer/Neighbour

RE: PROPOSED CONVERSION TO ACADEMY STATUS

The Governing Body of The City of Leicester College has applied to become an academy under the Academies Act 2010. The process requires us to seek the views of stakeholders, and so this letter contains information about what becoming an academy means, and how to comment on the proposals should you wish to do so.

We believe that becoming an academy and joining a Multi-Academy Trust will bring great benefits. Working in partnership with other schools has many advantages in terms of collaborative working, sharing practice, and mutual support. We believe it is the right step in making sure The City of Leicester College continues to develop and improve for the benefit of all.

The College is looking to join a local Trust led by Soar Valley College, an outstanding school in the city, which also includes Moat Community College. The Aspire Learning Partnership aims to have all the benefits of partnership working, whilst protecting the unique and individual characteristics of each school.

We have held meetings with staff, and will be keeping students informed throughout the process. The Governing body will consider any feedback about the proposals before a decision is taken to sign key documents. Details of how to provide comments, ask questions and make representations are set out below.

How can I find out more?

A meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 4.00pm. This is open to all parents, carers and neighbours of the college. Please come along if you have any questions, or simply want to learn more. We will explain the process involved, the ethos and values of Aspire Learning Partnership, and the benefits as we see them of joining the Trust.

There is also more information on academies on our website or on the DfE website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/academies>

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 2nd March if you can make it. If unable to attend the meeting and there are any comments, questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the college, either in writing (marked for my attention) or by contacting my PA, Louise Modi lmodi@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk, Please forward any responses by 20th March.

Yours sincerely

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