

19th April 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

You may well be aware that there is a significant ambition from Government to have all standalone academies, like Hurstmere, be part of a strong family of schools. Since the start of this academic year, in consultation with Governors and the Department for Education (DfE), we have been exploring Multi Academy Trusts which align with the vision and values we believe are right for our boys, and a Trust that has experience of an all-boys setting.

I am delighted to be able to write to let you know that DfE approval has been given for Hurstmere School to join The Howard Academy Trust from 1st September 2024. This marks a very significant and exciting period for our Hurstmere community and in the school's history.

There are many benefits of being part of a Multi-Academy Trust and I believe strongly that both our boys and our staff will benefit from the greater opportunities that this formal partnership with other schools within the Trust will bring.

You will be receiving a letter in due course from Mr Owen McColgan, CEO of The Howard Academy Trust and I will write again inviting you to attend a meeting in school providing you with more information and the opportunity to raise any questions you may have.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support of Hurstmere School as we work together in ensuring that our boys become the best that they can be.

With my best wishes



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