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To: All Parents and Carers

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The Governors of Bodmin College have agreed unanimously to consult, at this formative stage, on the proposed conversion from a Single Academy Converter to a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). This consultation will inform the Governing Body when they consider the submission of the Business Case to the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

If the decision is reached to make this conversion, the Governance arrangements will operate in a different manner with the Trustees of Bodmin College remaining in post and with any schools wishing to join the Trust having representation through the Board of Directors. As a MAT, the central Board of Directors will be accountable for any other Academies that may wish to join the Trust. Any school choosing to join this MAT will continue to be supported by its own Local Governing Body.

This conversion has been proposed to assist in the process of developing a formalised self-improving system of education that will be built upon the establishment of a sustainable, strong, cross-phase partnership between schools. This collaborative arrangement will be built upon the recognition that every school is unique and that all can benefit from great system leadership ensuring that the very best practice is shared and utilised effectively.

We believe that all young people should be able to advance their attainment and progress in all subjects through the shared ethos of improving the quality of the learning experience for all young people in all subjects. In addition to this the MAT will support the philosophy of enhancing the opportunities for all young people in all subjects, whilst assisting and working in partnership with parents and carers to improve young people' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The strategic aims of the MAT are, pending consultation, to:

- Support school-led improvement
- Create and develop school to school capacity, and
- Grow a 3-19 learning community

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Our MAT model is predicated upon the retention of schools retaining their distinctive identity. Through working in close partnership, the opportunities to use resources more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of young people is tremendous, as is the opportunity to maximise expertise and best practice across the MAT. We do not intend to make any alterations to the day to day operation of Bodmin College or any other Academies that choose to join our MAT.

Further information can be accessed via Bodmin College's website and the Department for Education website:

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

Representations should be made to the Principal at Bodmin College in writing or via E Mail to sarah.ford@bodmincollege.co.uk by 16th June, 2015. All representations will be considered by the Governors of Bodmin College before a decision is made to submit the Business Case to the EFA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Elliott', followed by a period.

B Elliott
Principal