

Thursday, 11th April, 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Over the last eighteen months, our Governing Body has been discussing the future of our school and we concluded, six months ago, that the time was right to investigate the local multi-academy trusts (MATs) with a view to joining one. Through some very detailed analysis, we narrowed the list to three possible MATs and, following further detailed investigations, we have decided to begin the process of joining the John Taylor MAT.

There are many reasons for this decision and at the forefront of these is the fact that Paulet High School is a good school with much to offer the JTMAT. Perhaps more importantly, Paulet will benefit hugely from the additional support and challenge that we will get from this partnership.

The Governing Body has therefore agreed to consult on joining the JTMAT with a proposed conversion date of the 1st October, 2019. The consultation is open to all of our stakeholders and we would like to hear your views and establish if there is a significant objection for the Governing Body to take into account when making a final decision. The consultation period will end on Friday, 24th May.

The consultation process will have a four school week timescale during which time we would like to engage with our school community to hear the views of our students, parents and local people. This will provide the opportunity for you to consider the proposed changes, see the strategic plan for the JTMAT and attend a consultation meeting, at school, on **Wednesday, 15th May, at 6.00pm** to hear in detail from Mr Donoghue (the CEO of JTMAT), Mr Jackson (our Chair of Governors) and me. The relevant documents are available to view on our website in the 'latest' section.

Please send your views, or submit questions, by **3.00pm on Friday, 24th May 2019** by either:

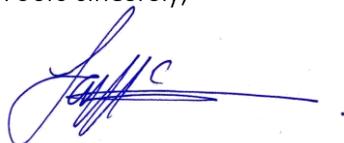
- Email: consultation@paulet.co.uk
- Writing: MAT Consultation, Paulet High School, Violet Way, Burton on Trent, DE15 9RT
- Attending: the consultation meeting on the 15th May

On a personal note, when I was an aspiring Headteacher, Mr Donoghue was my professional mentor while he was Headteacher at John Taylor High School. We have worked closely together since then and we share many of the same values and have the same ambitions for all of the young people in our care.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to hearing your views on this exciting proposal for the next stage in our school's development.

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Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



Steve Jackson
Chair of Governors