



17th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Establishing West Midlands Academy Trust (WMAT)

I wrote to you in February and April to advise that Hall Green School, Kings Norton Girls' School, and Swanshurst School were exploring whether to form a multi-academy trust, and in June I invited you to share your thoughts about the proposal as part of our joint public consultation.

Thank you to all parents and carers who shared their views during the consultation. We were delighted with the number of responses and the consideration that had gone into them. Your feedback was very valuable and was carefully considered by Governors. A summary of the consultation process and feedback is available on the school [website](#).

I can confirm that the Governing Bodies of Hall Green School, Kings Norton Girls' School, and Swanshurst School each agreed to proceed with establishing WMAT. This will involve all three schools being academy schools within WMAT; for HGS and KNGS this means transferring from their current single academy trusts, while for Swanshurst it means converting to academy status within WMAT.

I remind you that each school will retain its school name, its age-range, school uniform, admissions criteria, and existing staff. Term dates will continue to be set within the context of local schools. Hall Green will continue to be co-educational, while Kings Norton and Swanshurst will continue to educate girls for Y7 to Y11 and have co-educational Sixth Forms.

The transfer to WMAT is anticipated to take place in early 2025. I will continue to keep parents and carers updated throughout the process.

Kind regards,

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