

Multi Academy Trust – Consultation

Queen Mary's Grammar School | Queen Mary's High School | Walsall Studio School | Aldridge School | Shire Oak Academy



A new MAT represents an exciting new chapter for all our Schools. We will, of course, continue to safeguard our own individual identity and history, but we firmly believe we can be better together. The educational landscape is changing. Our new MAT will put Walsall on the map and help secure the best opportunities for every pupil in our family of schools. We welcome your support in this venture for our Borough and region of Mercia.

Mr Timothy Swain

Headmaster – Queen Mary's Grammar School

As part of the Mercian Trust Queen Mary's High School will be able to contribute positively to the lives of many more young people in Walsall, particularly given our expertise in providing stretch and challenge for more able students. In addition, our staff and students will have access to wealth of opportunities to enable them to further develop their skills and talents.

Dr Alison Bruton

Headteacher – Queen Mary's High School

Our 14-19 academy is the first and only studio school in the Black Country. We provide a unique approach to teaching academic and vocational qualifications enabling students to progress onto university or directly into employment. We believe that establishing a Multi-Academy Trust will provide unrivalled opportunities for our students and will further enable staff to learn from one another and share the very best practice. We are delighted to be pioneering a Multi Academy Trust of national significance serving our local community alongside our partner schools.

Mr Dan Parkes

Principal – Walsall Studio School

All our pupils and staff will benefit from working together with other high quality schools who share our drive and ambition to provide the best possible education for our pupils. We are proud of Aldridge School and proud of the opportunities that the Mercian trust offers.

Mr David Mountney

Headteacher – Aldridge School

At Shire Oak Academy we believe in the power of collaborative autonomy through the Mercian Trust- with like-minded schools working together for the good of all students, but retaining a sense of autonomy and uniqueness for each institution. School improvement, accelerated progress for children, the quest for excellence, further opportunities and experiences would be made increasingly more possible from the support and challenge of our partners. The Mercian Trust will allow us to build capacity within our academy to offer an even greater educational experience to our students. Collaboration within the network, and autonomy at a local level, are at the heart of what we offer so that individual schools and the family of schools grow through working with each other.

Mr Ray Beech

Headteacher – Shire Oak Academy