

09 May 2016

Dear Parent/Carer



Proposal for Futures Community College to Convert to Academy Status

Futures Community College's Interim Executive Board (IEB) – the body currently responsible for governing the school - has decided to embark upon a process which may lead to conversion to academy status. The IEB has passed a resolution to begin the process. This resolution starts a period of investigation and consultation – it is not a final decision to convert. Any final decision would only be made after a further IEB meeting at the end of the consultation period. The target date for conversion to take effect is 01 September 2016.

The proposal is that Futures Community College converts into an academy under the umbrella of Partnership Learning, a charitable trust which already oversees six schools in East London.

The formal consultation period runs for six school weeks, from Monday 09 May 2016 to 12 noon on Friday 24 June 2016. During this period the IEB will give all key stakeholders the opportunity to give their views and ask questions, including all staff and their recognised trade unions, parents, pupils, local schools and others.

The Background

The IEB took the decision to embark upon the conversion process and potentially join Partnership Learning for two main reasons:

1. The opportunities which academy status within Partnership Learning will give to play a leading role in a growing group of secondary, primary and special schools.
2. The support which the school will be able to access, as it continues its journey of improvement, by being part of a group of forward-thinking schools across age-phases and types.

Partnership Learning

Partnership Learning is a charitable trust which currently oversees six schools in East London. Its trustees include the director of a charity which runs alternative educational provision for young people and two recently retired local authority school advisers. Partnership Learning is committed to playing a full part in local families of schools and adhering to national pay and conditions, local union agreements and Local Authority pupil admissions criteria.

Consultation

As parents, you are invited to give your views on the academy conversion proposal, and to ask any questions you may have, at any time during the consultation period, by email to academyconsultation@futures.uk.com or by post to the school addressed to 'Academy Consultation'. For more information, please see the 'Academy Conversion' section on the school website. There will also be a drop-in information session at which parents are welcome to ask questions and give their views, open to all, on Thursday 26 May in the Main Hall at the school from 4.00 to 7.00pm.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Grover", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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