

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College



A Specialist Language College

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Tomlinscote School Academy Development

Tomlinscote has for many years collaborated with local schools and colleges. As an Academy, and the founder of the Surrey Heath Education Trust, the school has sought to strengthen a range of valuable partnerships for the benefit of students and staff. Evidence shows this is most effective when Academies work together in 'Multi Academy Trusts (MATs)'. At Tomlinscote, Members of the Trust Board and the Local Governing Body, have been exploring the mutual benefits to be gained in working formally and even more closely with local institutions through such a multi-academy trust.

The one option that we believe has the greatest potential benefit for the School and the community is a partnership with Farnborough Sixth Form College through their newly formed MAT, The Prospect Trust. Both Academies are highly successful institutions who deliver outstanding services to young people in the community we jointly serve.

Consequently, both The Prospect Trust and Surrey Heath Education Trust have recommended that a detailed review and due diligence process be undertaken to explore the full potential such an arrangement offers.

Our intention is to complete the review in the next two months to allow an informed decision to be made soon thereafter. A period of information gathering, involving Trustees and key staff, is underway. At the end of this period, opportunities will be provided to feedback the key findings to staff and our community before a decision is made whether to proceed. Leaders of both institutions wish to state clearly their commitment to the students of both Academies and ensuring they successfully complete their existing studies.

We will keep you informed of any significant developments during this review period.

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