

# WKSAT *Alliance*

Dear parents,

As school leaders, we understand that support and collaboration is of immense importance and assistance, particularly during challenging times. Whilst Covid has had many negatives and disadvantages, it has brought local school leaders together far closer than before and provided us with an opportunity to bounce ideas and seek opinions from our peers in neighbouring schools, strengthening our relationships and sharing best practice. As leaders of Single Academy Trusts, we are keen to ensure that this close collaboration does not end when Covid finally leaves our lives.

We are therefore delighted to announce an alliance between a number of West Kent Single Academy Trusts, which will ensure closer working in the future, with the overall aim that our schools will together grow stronger and provide an even higher level of educational provision for our students. Hadlow Rural Community School, Hillview School for Girls, Knole Academy, Tonbridge Grammar School and The Trinity School have made a commitment to each other to continue working together closely in the future. Therefore, the 2021-22 academic year will see the launch of the West Kent Single Academy Trust Alliance (WKSATA). In this inaugural year we will be establishing many of the working groups and the alliance itself. Our aim is to have fully functioning and sustainable structures for the future, by the end of this academic year.

As a collective, we are all determined to retain our own schools' individualities as Single Academy Trusts and what makes each of our schools unique and successful. However, we know that we can learn from each other, gain benefits from the specialisms we each have and partner together to develop our staffing bodies and ensure that your children are accessing the very best education, pastoral support and opportunities whilst at school. We understand that you chose your child's school based on the ethos of the school and therefore we would like to reassure you that the partnership is in place to support improvement and will not change the ethos of the schools. The alliance is a commitment to collaborate and not a formal merging of the schools into a Multi Academy Trust.

Attached to this letter is a series of Frequently Asked Questions that should support you in understanding the alliance and what we hope to achieve.

Kind regards



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