

To Members of the Community

13th June 2024

Dear Members of the Community

As you will be aware, in recent years many smaller educational trusts have undergone mergers to form larger trusts. As with all strategic change, a merger can bring significant advantages but also some challenges.

Over the last year, the trustees of Radcliffe Academy Trust (RAT) have been considering the opportunities and challenges that a merger with a multi-academy trust (MAT) might bring to Meadowbrook College. After a detailed analysis and consultation, the trust board has concluded that a merger with a like-minded trust would bring significant benefits to both students and staff.

Following extensive research and through discussions with various multi-academy trusts, the trust board has decided that the River Learning Trust (RLT) offers many potential benefits and would be best placed to support Meadowbrook College in providing high quality alternative provision across Oxfordshire schools.

By way of background, RLT is a local academy trust with 26 Oxfordshire schools (8 secondary and 18 primary) and is already committed to supporting the work of the wider Oxfordshire education system through its Teaching School Hub, Oxfordshire Teaching School Hub, and School Centred Initial Teacher Training provider, Oxfordshire Teacher Training. RLT is committed to ensuring that Meadowbrook College continues to support all of Oxfordshire's schools. Further details can be found in the FAQs document.

The consultation period will provide all stakeholders the opportunity to comment, including parents, students, the local authority, professional associations (unions which have staff representation at Meadowbrook College) and other Oxfordshire schools.

The trustees now want to hear your views on this proposal. You are a key stakeholder, and your opinion will be very important as part of the consultation process being carried out by the trust board. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the information attached, which explains the key issues behind the proposal for Meadowbrook College to join River Learning Trust.

A form is also provided for you to give us your feedback and to raise any questions you may have. The questions will be answered by the most appropriate person, and I will also set out the answers to Frequently Asked Questions which will be added to our website.

You may want to have further discussions relating to the proposed move to River Learning Trust and how this might impact Meadowbrook College.

The period of consultation opens at 0900 on 20th June 2024 and will remain open until 0900 on 18th July 2024. If you want to raise any issues with me in person or by email, please contact me. hayden.davies@meadowbrookcollege.org.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hayden Davies". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Hayden Davies
Chair, Radcliffe Academy Trust Board