



RAINFORD HIGH

8th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

The Governors of Rainford High Technology College recently voted to undertake a consultation as to whether the school should become an Academy and we would like to inform you of the details of this. The governors are keen to seek out the views of all stakeholders and the outcomes of this process will help us to decide whether we wish to move forward and seek approval from the Department for Education.

We believe that becoming an Academy would enable us to continue and accelerate the progress we have made and ensure that we are in control of our own destiny. We are also proposing that we establish a Multi Academy Trust so that other local schools can join us, enabling us to move forward together, sharing experience and expertise and ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children and young people in our care.

We have set up a website to provide you with more information about academies and the proposed changes. It also gives you the opportunity to have your say and to ask questions. The website address is:

www.rainfordconsultation.org

We are also holding a series of public meetings so that stakeholders can hear more about the proposals and meet some of the key people involved.

All of the meetings will be held at the school on **6th October 2016**.

3.30 p.m. Meeting for Staff

6.00 p.m. Meeting for Parents

7.30 p.m. Meeting for Community and Other Stakeholders

In addition, there will be a drop in session for stakeholders who wish to raise issues or discuss concerns on a 1:1 basis. Please contact the school for more details on this.

The consultation will close on October 14th and following that the governors will make a decision on whether they wish to proceed with the process.

Please let us know your views, either at the public meetings or through the website. If you have any queries, please contact me through the school.

Yours faithfully

Frank Gill
Chair of the Governing Body