

26 March 2018

Dear Parents

St Edmund's Girls' School and Wyvern College Collaboration: Information and Consultation

On behalf of Magna Learning Partnership, we are writing to provide you with information regarding a proposed development of the way in which we provide education to the young people in Wyvern College and St Edmund's Girls' School.

From September 2018, we propose that the schools work more closely together and under the leadership of one Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Bull, whose strong leadership at St Edmund's secured a successful Ofsted judgement last month. In part, this new development is owing to the recent departure of the Headteacher at Wyvern College. However, the collaborative approach had already been explored over a period of time under the overarching aim to ensure that all young people in all schools in our Multi Academy Trust receive the very best education possible. As a small school, Wyvern is severely challenged financially, whilst St Edmund's has grown in the past few years and is at a point where it has insufficient space, particularly dining and social spaces, for its students.

Through closer working, we believe that we can offer an even better education to both boys and girls, resulting in higher attainment and progress for all students across our shared learning campus. Our intention under this new collaborative arrangement is that the senior and middle leadership teams in the schools will work closely and we will seek opportunities to streamline our provision. However, single sex teaching will remain in most classes and tutor groups will similarly comprise either all boys or all girls. In this way the schools will retain many of their current characteristics and ethos. In essence, the day to day provision for students will not be very different.

So that we can discuss this further with parents of both schools, we would like to invite you to join us for an **Information and Consultation evening on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6.30 pm**. The event which will begin at Wyvern College, will include a formal presentation to set out the plans in more detail, followed by tours of both schools and then concluding at St Edmund's with refreshments and opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback to us.

We will be delighted to see as many of you as possible on 26th April. Please complete and return the attached reply slip if you wish to attend. These should be addressed to Mrs Charlotte Crook at St Edmund's Girls' School or Mrs Jacqui Wardley at Wyvern College. You may also respond via email if you would prefer ccrook@st-edmunds.eu or jwardley@wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk

You may also wish to ask questions about the collaborative plan either in advance of the evening or instead of attending. Please email your questions to Mrs Lynne Carley, Executive Assistant at Magna Learning Partnership at lcarley@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk. She will respond to your queries swiftly and we intend to create an FAQ document which will be held on both school websites and will be updated regularly over the coming months.

We believe that this is an exciting educational development for our schools and our young people and we look forward to discussing the future for St Edmund's Girls' School and Wyvern College with you.

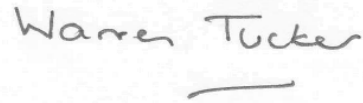
Yours sincerely



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St Edmund's Girls' School



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Reply Slip

Information and Consultation evening on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6.30 pm.

I confirm that I/we will be attending the Information and Consultation evening on Thursday 26th April at 7.00pm.

My child attends Wyvern College/St Edmund's Girls' School (delete as appropriate) in Year

Signed: Parent/ Guardian Name:

Please return to Mrs C Crook at St Edmund's Girls' School or Mrs J Wardley at Wyvern College

Headteacher: Nicola Bull