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28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear

### **Welcome to Magna Learning Partnership**

On behalf of Magna Learning Partnership, I am writing to welcome you to the Trust and to becoming a parent at one of our partner schools. We will look forward to your daughter joining St Edmund's in September; she will be joining the school at a very exciting time in its development. I am writing to provide you with information about the future of the school.

From September 2018, we propose that St Edmund's Girls' School and Wyvern College work more closely together and under the leadership of one Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Bull, whose strong leadership at St Edmund's ensured a very successful Ofsted inspection outcome last month. This collaborative approach has 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 experiences significant financial challenges, 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 prospective parents of both schools, we would like to invite you to join us for an **Information and Consultation Evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm**. The event 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. This will be a similar evening to one planned for current parents of the two schools which takes place on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>. If 8<sup>th</sup> May is not a suitable date for you then you are most welcome to join us on 26<sup>th</sup> April, also at 6.30pm. We will, however, tailor the evening on 8<sup>th</sup> May specifically for parents who are new to the schools.

We will be delighted to see as many of you as possible on 8th May. Please complete and return the attached reply slip if you wish to attend.

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](mailto: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



Sarah Busby

Executive Headteacher

Magna Learning Partnership

### Reply Slip

I confirm that I/we will be attending the Information and Consultation evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.

Name of child:

Current Primary School:

Signed:

Parent/ Guardian:

Headteacher: Nicola Bull

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