



16th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to update you on the Trust plans for moving forward into the next academic year.

As you will recall, the process of merging the three schools needed approval by the Department for Education (DfE) as it is classed as a 'significant change'. Unfortunately, we are having to alter our plans as the DfE have not yet approved the plans we submitted 5 months ago, as required under their guidelines. Without this approval the Trust have decided that it is in the best interests of our students to continue to run high quality education at all three sites for the next academic year (2018-2019). Our long term plans have not changed: the plan is still to create one through-school that will provide a platform to drive continued quality education in a financially sustainable manner.

We are aware that announcing the merger of the three schools has created uncertainty. We apologise that we are not able to achieve this in the timeframe we outlined in September. Today, we are keen to give as much certainty and stability as possible for the whole school community.

To clarify arrangements for September 2018:

- Years 5 to 8 on Roysia Site (Year 5 - 1 Form of entry)
- Years 5 to 8 on Greneway Site (Year 5 - 5 Forms of entry)
- Years 9 to 13 on Meridian Site
- Current school uniforms continue

We will continue to implement changes to staffing and evolve governing bodies to provide the infrastructure for education to thrive. Mr Gordon Farquhar, new through school Headteacher, is delighted to be holding Parents' Forums so that parents/carers of children have an opportunity to meet him, and find out more about next academic year. The first Parents' Forum is on Saturday 21st April for parents/carers of children in years 4 to 7. Meetings for Upper School parents will be confirmed after the exam window has closed in June.

Mr Farquhar is looking forward to leading the next stages in the transformation:

"I am delighted to be working alongside pupils, parents, staff and governors and I believe, together, we can forge outstanding opportunities and experiences for the young people of our town, both now and in the future."

We are committed to providing excellent education in Royston and appreciate the feedback and support of the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Carol Boston
Chair on behalf of the RSAT Board

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