

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **Update on the Transfer of Huish Episcopi Academy to United Learning**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you will be aware from our previous correspondence, the move of Huish Episcopi Academy from being a 'Single Academy Trust' to a 'Multi Academy Trust' is well underway. I felt it important, this side of the Easter break to give you an update on the progress made so far and what this means for the Academy community.

The United Learning Group Board of Trustees formally agreed to the transfer of Huish Episcopi Academy to United Learning on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023. The transfer has now also been agreed by the Regional Director for the DfE's South West Regions Group giving approval for the Academy to join United Learning. While the transfer is subject to meeting certain legal criteria, we expect no issues with this and the date being worked towards Huish Episcopi Academy to have joined United Learning in full is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

While much of the due diligence and other work required to move Huish Academy into United Learning is taking place in the background, with teams of people from Huish and United Learning working hard to get this done, the more visible work is across the Academy and in the classroom.

The support package from United Learning began in January with Nat Parnell joining as Interim Headteacher. Nat has been aided by key staff from United Learning with significant improvements in the Academy being made already. Staff from Huish are now assisted by subject specialists from United Learning, there has been leadership support across the Senior Team, but particularly in the areas identified in the Ofsted report, which have seen noticeable improvements in behaviour and standards across the Academy. Support around business, finance and premises are underway.

There is no doubt from the strong working relationships built so far, the positive impact we have already seen and United Learning's strong track record of rapid school improvement, the transfer of Huish to United Learning will have a hugely positive impact on the Quality of Education provided for the young people who attend our Academy and those who will attend it in the years to come, all of whom deserve the very best from their education.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Academy. In the meantime, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



**Dave Elston**  
**Chair of Governors**