



Woodside High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you about some important changes which are proposed to take place at Woodside. You will be aware that since my appointment I have introduced many things to secure the highest quality in relation to classroom practice, standards of behaviour and extra-curricular activities. The staff and governing body are absolutely committed to carrying out our mission statement to offer *exceptional education and experiences for every child, every day*. Therefore, it is with this in mind we are in the process of consulting families and key stakeholders about a movement to Mulberry Schools Trust.

Woodside has been a single school academy since 2011 and the movement to a trust would allow us a wider network of schools to collaborate with. The key motivating factors and advantages to this move would be

- To offer more opportunities to our young people such as educational conferences, inter school competition, participating in Mulberry programmes such as the STEM academy <http://www.mulberryschoolstrust.org/stemacademy/>
- To offer us school to school support including teacher training, subject networks, and curriculum development work
- To support operational structures of the schools such as improving IT systems and financial efficiency
- Attracting the best staff to work for us

Why Mulberry Trust:

Mulberry Trust is a rapidly growing trust based in inner London which has both primary schools, secondary schools, and UTC in the wider Trust. All these schools are Outstanding or good and have excellent reputations. The values of the Trust are very much in line with Woodside's * please see below for Mulberry Trust values.

Will Woodside change? What will it mean for my child

Day to day Woodside will remain much the same, there will be no changes to staffing and in fact joining the Trust will improve teaching. Your child's school experience will be the same but will more opportunities as mentioned above.

Will our school still be Woodside?

Yes, we will add Mulberry to our longer name but it will still be called Woodside

Are these changes just happening at Woodside?

No, all schools are being asked to join Trusts, Woodside's Governing body has been considering this for some time to address the fact we are a single school. The early movement means we can choose a Trust that is a good fit for Woodside

The White paper <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-white-paper-delivers-real-action-to-level-up-education> "By 2030 all children will benefit from being taught in a school in, or in the process of joining, a strong multi-academy trust, which will help transform underperforming schools and deliver the best possible outcomes for children"

What next?

We will be holding a public consultation, here at Woodside on Wednesday 19th October at 4pm

Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace



If you have any specific questions please can you submit these to this email address before the consultation date matquestions@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

If you cannot make this date we will have information stands at all our forthcoming parents evening or please arrange for an appointment to discuss by emailing this address matquestions@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

To find out more visit

<https://mulberryschoolstrust.org/>

Our vision is to be a key provider for quality education so that all of our students leave us as highly qualified, confident and articulate young people with a wealth of experience.

A Mulberry education is premised on three under-pinning principles:

1. **Access to education and the chance to be educated is a human right in a civilised world.**

A state school, like those in the Mulberry Schools Trust, should provide a high quality education for every child regardless of the barriers. As well as the intrinsic value in this, there are important social and economic reasons for doing this that affect the peace and security of our society profoundly.

2. **Education should provide rich intellectual and personal development for individuals and communities of people.**

An education offered by the Trust is concerned with the spiritual, moral, social, cultural and physical development of people so they have self-determination and can create for themselves fulfilled, happy lives. It is also concerned with equipping people for employment, making a contribution to the economy as well as enabling them to sustain themselves financially.

3. **Education is a public good.**

To have universal school education brings economic and social benefits to the whole of society as well as enriching the human condition: it creates greater peace, prosperity and economic and social wellbeing. The Mulberry Schools Trust is outward facing and contributes to education beyond the doors of its own schools.

These principles shape the aims of the Trust's education: the curriculum that is delivered, the personal development that is offered and the wider opportunities for enrichment that are provided.

Yours sincerely



Angela Wallace
Headteacher