



Our ref: JB/MAT

1st October 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Consultation on joining a multi academy trust

I am writing to seek your views on the important question of whether the school should join a multi academy trust known as The Athelstan Trust (the **Trust**).

Sir William Romney's school continues to grow and students have enjoyed their sixth successive year of achieving a positive Progress 8 score which means that students make better progress than expected across their five years at SWR. Our total commitment to an inclusive and comprehensive education enables all students to make very good academic progress. Working together with our students and families, we remain committed to a broad and vibrant curriculum that offers a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities for all students. With our reputation and student population rapidly growing, our governing body have voted to formally consult with all students, parents, staff and our local community on Sir William Romney's School joining the Athelstan trust.

Your views are extremely important to us. I therefore enclose an engagement document which:

- explores the question;
- provides information about the Trust; and
- explains why the governing body is exploring this option.

Further information relating to joining Athelstan Trust is also available on our website:

<http://swr.gloucs.sch.uk/mat-consultation/>

Please also take advantage of the engagement meeting we have set up for you to talk through the proposal with us.

Consultation process

Please let us know what you think about the proposal. You can:

- send any comments by email to matconsultation@swr.gloucs.sch.uk with the heading "MAT engagement";
- deliver any hand written comments to the school reception marked "MAT engagement";
- attend our engagement forums on Monday 14th or Monday 21st October at 6pm in our Library.
- arrange a meeting with me by contacting Mrs J Green on 01666 502378 or at admin@swr.gloucs.sch.uk

We would be pleased to have your response to this consultation before Monday 4th November 2019. The governors will review all the comments before deciding whether or not to go ahead.

Yours sincerely



Jon Bell
Head

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