

1st November 2017

Conversion to Academy Status as part of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust

The Governing Body of *St Thomas More Catholic School, Buxton* has been required by Bishop Patrick to begin the process of conversion to an academy as part of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust in the Diocese of Nottingham.

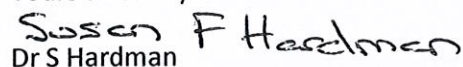
St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust will be formed on 1st September 2018 and will bring together twenty five Catholic schools and academies in the Diocese of Nottingham located in Derbyshire, Derby City, Staffordshire and Stockport into a single Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

As part of this process we are required firstly to consult with and inform staff, parents, students, parishes and wider communities of the intention to convert so that everyone who wishes to has an opportunity to comment on and learn more about what this will mean for St Thomas More School and Catholic Education in our Diocese. If you would like to comment on the proposals or ask any questions then please do so by emailing academies@nottingham-des.org.uk and include St Thomas More Catholic School, Buxton in the subject line of your email.

We are sending out this statement today and a copy will be posted on the school website for the duration of the conversion process together with a link to a Frequently Asked Questions document which will be regularly updated and will address many of the queries relating to converting to an academy.

The statutory consultation period is from 1st November 2017 – 30th November 2017.

Yours sincerely


Dr S Hardman

Chair of Governors

St Thomas More Catholic School

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