

The Future of Richard Huish College

This document is the formal public consultation produced by Richard Huish College on its proposal to dissolve the Governing Body and to convert to an Academy which will join the Richard Huish Trust, of which Richard Huish College is the sponsor.

Background

Richard Huish College, currently rated Outstanding by Ofsted established the Huish Education Trust in 2014 and became its Sponsor. The College currently is represented on the trust Board and the Chief Executive and other senior staff have dual roles in both the Trust and College.

Becoming an Academy

There will be no change in the character or ethos of the College and the name will remain Richard Huish College. Academy status puts the College under the aegis of the local Regional Schools Commissioner rather than the Further Education Commissioner. Building on the success of the Richard Huish Trust Multi Academy Trust (MAT), the obvious next step is for Richard Huish College to become one of its constituent academies and this proposal is strongly supported by the MAT Board and RHC governors who believe positioning the College at the heart of a growing educational organisation would further strengthen the reach and influence that Huish could have on the quality of education that the children and young people receive within its organisations. The Huish Values and academic aspiration that have underpinned the success of the College could be further championed and developed in order to continue to drive improvements in our schools, benefit from economies of scale, share resources and ultimately benefit children and young people. A key financial advantage is that the College would be eligible to reclaim VAT and have the ability to access ring fenced capital and academy funding.

Calendar of events

December 2020	Governing Body agrees to pursue dissolution of the Corporation and to apply for Academy Trust Status.
December 2020	Richard Huish Trust Board agrees to assimilate Richard Huish College into the MAT.
February 2021	Formal Consultation period (three months) following announcement of proposal in local and national press.
May 2021	Summary of consultation feedback and proposed action.
August 2021	Richard Huish College corporation dissolved.
September 2021	Formal assimilation of Richard Huish College into the Richard Huish Trust MAT

Responding to the Consultation

You can comment on these proposals by emailing or writing to the Principal or the Clerk to the Governors at Richard Huish College.