



# Golborne

## HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

### Proposed multi-academy trust involving Golborne High School and Winstanley College

**Golborne High School has grown from strength to strength over the last 7 years and we have worked in partnership to ensure that our children have the best opportunities to succeed in their chosen pathways. Today, I want to inform you of the next, potential exciting opportunity in our journey forwards.**

The Governing Bodies of Golborne High School and Winstanley College have agreed to undertake detailed evaluation, including public consultation, about whether to form a multi-academy trust. At this stage it is only a proposal; the final decision of each Governing Body will only be taken after this detailed work.

While Golborne and Winstanley are each high performing and extremely successful now, our Governors and leadership teams share a commitment to seeking opportunities to improve further in the future. A period of detailed evaluation allows us to explore and analyse the potential of a multi-academy trust to be the basis of a successful shared future.

It is important to emphasise that this exploration is being undertaken through choice and because we both want the best for the children and young people that we serve. If a multi-academy trust were to be formed, it would build on the strengths of Golborne and Winstanley. There would not be changes to practical aspects such as the timing of the school day, uniform (at Golborne), the school year – or to our cultures of high expectations of staff and students.

We anticipate undertaking formal consultation with our communities after February half-term and will provide more information at that time to enable students, staff, and parents and carers to share their views. If the Governing Bodies then decide to proceed, we anticipate that Golborne and Winstanley would become academies during the first half of the 2022/23 academic year, subject to Department for Education approval.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher  
Golborne High School

Margaret Byrne  
Chair of Governors  
Golborne High School

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