

31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Magna Learning Partnership**

After much time, planning and anticipation we are now proud to be able to announce formally the transfer of Sarum Academy into Magna Learning Partnership, a multi academy trust serving Salisbury and the surrounding area. This transfer will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. What this means for Sarum Academy is that the legal articles change and the existing academy becomes part of the multi academy trust.

This is an exciting point in Sarum's history and enhances a pattern of collaboration and co-operation that will define education locally. The factors which make Sarum Academy distinctive will be cherished and enhanced, while affording all the mutual benefits of working with other schools. The educational and financial rationale will become increasingly important and will no doubt prove attractive as other schools are considering joining the Magna Learning Partnership. Sarum's part in a local and supportive partnership which celebrates excellence and supports improvement will be a powerful force for change and a real boost for education in our area. The strapline for the Trust is *'Excellence Together'*.

With this announcement of welcome change, it is important to stress also that in most important respects the changes will be natural and follow due process. From 1<sup>st</sup> November Sarum Academy will look and feel identical to how it did on 31<sup>st</sup> October and no drastic or immediate changes are envisaged. Importantly, for parents, the academy will be run in the same way and with the same ethos.

We have joined together in this formal partnership clear that it will offer new and better opportunities for young people and their parents and staff in each of our four schools. The positive and individual reasons which drew you to Sarum Academy in the first place will continue unaltered and we are confident that the benefits of Magna Learning Partnership will be clear to see.

If you have any further questions, please contact us. You may also choose to visit the MLP website at: [www.magnalearningpartnership.org.uk](http://www.magnalearningpartnership.org.uk)

Yours sincerely



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