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Dear parents and carers

I am writing following my letter earlier this term where I updated you about the various changes and work that is being done at THS, I am now able to give you an update regarding Tiverton High School's (THS) conversion to an academy.

We have received confirmation that, as a consequence of last term's Ofsted, THS must become an academy and be supported by a Multi Academy Trust to make the necessary improvements.

Blackdown Education Partnership (BEP) is the Trust that has been asked to sponsor THS which means that the school will, in all likelihood join BEP along with our neighbouring schools, Uffculme and Cullompton. There will now be a period of due diligence which is carried out by an Advisory Board, and it is ultimately their decision to formally agree to THS joining BEP. As part of the due diligence there is an opportunity for members of the public to share their views. When this is available, I will send it to all parents and carers.

I believe this to be a positive move for THS and the community of Tiverton. BEP has a proven track record in school improvement and THS will get the support it needs to improve. As you will know we have already started working with colleagues from BEP and the networks for colleagues that brings.

In addition to this a new interim Governing body has been assembled. This is made up of Trustees from BEP as well as other colleagues from the South West.

We know there is a lot of work to do, and I appreciate the support we have had from parents and carers. As I said at the recent update evening, a change of culture does not happen overnight but with support and challenge from BEP we will make the progress we expect.

I hope you have a good half term

Yours sincerely

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