

Joint Statement – Weydon Multi Academy Trust and The Prospect Trust

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The Trust boards of The Prospect Trust (TPT) and Weydon Multi Academy Trust (WMAT) are pleased to announce that they are engaged in positive and constructive talks about integrating our two organisations into a single MAT in 2026.

Both Trusts share an excellent reputation for running high-performing schools and colleges that serve their local communities across west Surrey and north-east Hampshire.

Integrating these two trusts into one will bring successful primary, secondary and specialist schools plus a leading sixth form college into a single organisation. As such it will facilitate delivery of high-quality, joined-up education for learners across all key stages of their education journey and create even greater opportunities for the children, young people, staff and families in our communities.

As a single integrated trust, we can also promote and achieve educational excellence and equity for all learners, provide more development and opportunities for our staff, achieve greater resilience for our academies and harness increased efficiencies and economies of scale.

At this stage, any proposed integration would be subject to due diligence, consultation with our stakeholders, including staff and governing bodies, and would require appropriate DfE and Diocesan approval.

Together, we are excited about the potential to shape a strong and sustainable future for our schools, college and communities.

Ralph Johnson – *Chair WMAT Trust Board*

Andrew Needham – *Chair TPT Trust Board*

Weydon Multi Academy Trust (WMAT)

is a thirteen school MAT comprising six Secondary schools, five Specialist schools and two Primary schools. One Primary school is in the late stages of the process to join WMAT. It also includes the i2i Teaching Partnership, an outstanding School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT). WMAT currently serves 7,000 students and employs 1,300 staff. WMAT schools are based in Surrey and north Hampshire.

The Prospect Trust (TPT)

comprises one large Sixth Form college, one Secondary school and one Junior school with a Primary school due to join in September 2025. TPT currently serves 6,000 students and employs more than 700 staff. TPT academies are based in Surrey and north Hampshire.

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