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Handsworth Wood
Girls' Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

King Edward VI Academy Trust

I am writing to inform you that following the consultation period with yourselves and staff regarding Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy joining the King Edward VI Academy Trust, all responses received were entirely in favour of this proposal. Therefore, the governors met just before the Easter holidays and voted unanimously that Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy should be part of this trust. We are aiming to join the King Edward VI Academy Trust on 1 September 2018.

At the moment, we are working through the due diligence process with the trust which enables it to find out about all our staffing, finance and operations so that they can get everything set up for us to operate within the trust from 1 September. We will remain as a comprehensive school and will retain our current admissions policy, which is non-selective and girls only. The only significant change from the outset will be the name of the academy, which will change to King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy.

Once we are part of this trust, we will be planning opportunities for our students to engage in different activities that as a stand-alone academy we have not been able to offer, such as cultural experiences, trips, and bespoke support for UCAS applications to selective universities.

I am very much excited with this opportunity to be part of the King Edward VI Academy Trust and know that it will benefit our academy greatly. I will share more information about the trust with you later on this term.

Yours sincerely

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