



1 March 2013

Dear Parents

The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust

I would like to keep you informed of our progress in Academy Conversion. The week before half term, the governors of Sacred Heart Ilkley, St Mary's Horsforth, St Joseph's Pudsey, St Joseph's Otley, Ss. Peter and Paul Yeadon and St Mary's Menston agreed the final documents to convert into academies under the newly formed Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust. This means that we will no longer be maintained by the Local Authority, instead the schools are Academies under The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust.

The directors of the Trust have had an initial meeting and I was elected as Chair of The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust Board.

The conversion date was set for 1 March 2013. St Mary's Horsforth, St Joseph's Pudsey, St Joseph's Otley and St. Mary's Menston have received approval, and will convert on 1 March 2013. Ss. Peter and Paul and Sacred Heart Ilkley expect to receive approval to convert from 1 April 2013.

We hope that this will be the start of a new chapter in Catholic education in this part of the diocese, and will strengthen the work we all do together. There has been a great deal of work and effort from staff and governors to get to this point. We now hope to grow together offering Catholic education from 4 to 18, serving the diocese, the parishes and the parents.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust Board

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