



Horsham
Learning Alliance

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Press Release

Agreement to form a new Multi-Academy Trust in Horsham

We are delighted to share that on Thursday 21st November 2024 at a meeting of the South East Advisory Board, the Regional Department for Education Director approved our proposal to form a new Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) in Horsham and in doing so awarded academy orders to The College of Richard Collyer and The Forest School. The Trust will be called the Horsham Learning Alliance, comprising an 11-16 secondary school and a sixth form college as the two founding partners with over 3,600 learners. Our intention is for our two successful and well-regarded local institutions to convert and form the new MAT in September 2025.

Our project to develop a new Trust brought together a number of schools in Horsham to help guide the development of our Mission, Vision and Values and shape how the new Horsham Learning Alliance can use the power of education to improve the lives of local children and young people. We are very grateful for this support, testament to how strong our individual schools are locally and how, through a collegiate culture, we aim to grow in the coming years and benefit from the ideas and expertise of new partners. Our vision is for an all through Trust with early years, primary, secondary and sixth form provision including schools from Horsham and surrounding areas.

Throughout the project we have sought feedback on our plans and been transparent with communicating progress to all stakeholders locally. At both Collyer's and Forest, we are fully committed to an inclusive environment and strong relations with students, parents, staff and the wider local community. An important part of this will be our formal public consultation which we will commence in January. This will be an opportunity for everyone to understand more about how the Horsham Learning Alliance will form and what its aims are. We look forward to sharing detail about our journey and listening to feedback both through formal surveys and in-person consultation events in the spring term.

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