

# Diocese of Hallam - Schools Together

## Headteacher Board Special Edition -7th May 2021



### ITS GOOD NEWS FOR HALLAM!

**Trustees are pleased to announce that The Regional Schools' Commissioner's Headteacher Board met on 29th April and has asked the Diocese of Hallam to proceed to the next stage of the CMAT project!**

**Thank you to everyone for supporting the project work to bring us all to this important milestone on the Diocese of Hallam CMAT journey!**

#### What has been agreed?

1. That the Diocese moves forward with its plan to create two new Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs)
2. That the new CMATs will be established to a timescale which allows for the first phase of schools to join early in Spring 2022
3. That schools will join in phases from Spring 2022 to Autumn 2022
4. That the Diocese has a green light to apply for academy orders and academy transfers to the Headteacher Board

#### What happens next?

1. The Bishop has issued a letter giving formal consent for all diocesan schools to join one of the new CMATs. This letter will be sent to Headteachers and Chairs of Governors by email.
2. All diocesan schools are asked to sign a letter of intent confirming their support for the Bishop's vision. This letter will be sent alongside the Bishop's consent letter to Chairs of Governors for signature, copied to Headteachers.
3. The MAT Steering Group will reflect on the phasing plans in the light of the discussion held at the RSC Headteacher Board before authorising the MAT Development Group to discuss roadmaps with schools and HSPAT Board on a 121 basis. Further information will follow to arrange the 121 meetings.
4. **Applications are now open for the CEO posts of our two new Diocese of Hallam Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts.** The closing date for applications is 9am on 3rd June 2021. Adverts are being placed in the TES and the Guardian online. Our partners in the process, **SATIS Education**, are supporting Trustees with the recruitment. Paste this link into your browser to access the microsite: <http://www.joinhallammats.co.uk/> and click on the Express your Interest tab to register interest and view the candidate application pack and application form.

#### REMINDERS

**Letter to parents: if you have not already done so please send out the letter to parents informing them of the vision for all schools by Tuesday 11th May at the latest.**

**Naming the CMATs: The deadline for sending in your voting slips is 20th May**

**Foundation Director applications: Its not too late to make an application! Clare Thorpe will receive applications up to close on 12th May**

#### PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR STAFF AND GOVERNORS

**The next newsletter will be sent out on Monday 24th May 2021**

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Please get in touch whenever you need to.

*"The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients."* Pope Francis