

PRESS RELEASE

Louth Area Secondary Schools Look To The Future

Louth area Secondary Schools have discussed positive, **proposals to secure the best quality of education for Louth area students now and in the future.**

Governing bodies of Cordeaux School, Monks' Dyke and Tennyson Learning Federation, Birkbeck School and Community Arts College, and Wolds College met at Kenwick Park on Thursday 27th January 2011 to consider reasons why schools need to adapt, principles for proposed changes, a possible new structure and ways forward.

Recent successful local partnership work has seen broader opportunities for students through £7 million investment in the Wolds College developments, the creation of the Monks' Dyke and Tennyson Federation and joint Post 16 provision through the **Wolds and East Education Trust.**

Chairs of Governors and Headteachers are committed to consolidating these successes and **responding positively to emerging challenges in the local and national education context.**

The key proposal is to form a **single organisation, most likely an Academy, on several sites** with a single Governing body, Executive Headteacher and leadership team. The priority will be to meet the **needs and interests of young people** with a broad inclusive 11-18 curriculum offer irrespective of where a student attends school.

In a joint statement, Chairs of Governors, Tim Mudge (Monks' Dyke and Tennyson Learning Federation), Canon Stephen Holdaway (Cordeaux), John Stevens (Birkbeck) and Herman Kok Chairman (Wolds College Board) said **'We share a commitment to securing the best quality of education for all students. We can do this most effectively by working together. Our early discussions have been conducted in a spirit of trust and co-operation. We know that these proposals can only be successful with the support of parents, pupils and our wider community and full consultation will be essential.'**

Schools wish to stress that **these are proposals under consideration at present.** It will be for Governing Bodies in the individual schools to consider whether they wish to proceed ahead of a full **formal public consultation.**

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