

8th January 2024

To Colne Valley High School – all Governors and staff members

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to officially welcome you into the Great Heights Academy Trust family and look forward to continuing to work together to build a stronger, broader 2-18 trust offer in West Yorkshire.

The Trust board would like to thank Mr Jimmy Christian for his support and dedication in overseeing the process on behalf of The MFG MAT, and we are pleased to welcome him into our central team as Executive Principal of Secondary. As you may be aware, the principal, senior leaders and other key members of staff have begun to work with our Deputy Director of School Improvement, Mrs Roz Wood-Ives, to identify and address school improvement priorities. There have also been quality assurance visits from Miss Dani Worthington, Director of School Improvement, with our School Improvement Partner; professional development offers from Mrs Jessica Mellor, Head of Research School; and guidance for the governing body from Mr Andrew Midgley, Director of Governance. GHAT senior leaders will be on site in the New Year to liaise with teams and ensure statutory guidance documentation ¹is available to you.

Colne Valley High School already has a strong history of collaborating with others. We look forward to sharing and developing further partnerships with you and using evidence of what works to guide curriculum models and develop pedagogy and practice across sites and phases. We know we share the value of working together for the greater good and strive to enable all staff to develop and be able to deliver the best teaching in safe and secure environments.

As we develop our new secondary structures with you, please continue to use your current line management arrangements, with Mrs Roz Wood-Ives and Mr Jimmy Christian being your link contact to, from and with our Trust. We would like to thank you for providing feedback in the recent survey which has enabled us to gain a baseline for our future journey together.

Kindest regards,

Mr Carlton Midgley, Chair of the Trust

Mrs Amanda Bennett, Chief Executive Officer

¹Please see [GHAT policies as requested by the DfE for new academies joining a trust](#)

²Please see [GHAT post holders as requested by the DfE for new academies joining a trust requirement statutory post holders](#)



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