

5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past year, you will have received updates from St Mary's Academy Trust regarding the future of Queens Road Academy. I am now delighted to share some important news about the next stage of our journey. Following significant preparation and hard work over the summer, I am pleased to confirm that, from Monday 1st September 2025, Queens Road Academy has officially joined HCAT.

During the past year, Queens Road Academy has been working closely with HCAT to drive school improvement and strengthen the education we provide. This formal conversion marks the start of an exciting new chapter, enabling pupils and staff to benefit from being part of a strong and supportive trust while continuing to serve our community with pride.

About HCAT

HCAT is a well-established multi-academy trust with an excellent track record of helping schools raise standards and improve outcomes for children. HCAT's mission closely reflects that of Queens Road Academy: to provide high-quality teaching, a broad and balanced curriculum, and the best opportunities for every child to succeed academically and personally. I am sure this is what every parent and carer wishes for their child's education.

What this means for Queens Road Academy school:

Joining HCAT brings a range of benefits, including:

- Stronger Teaching and Learning Support – access to expert guidance, high-quality training, and collaborative networks that enhance classroom practice and curriculum delivery.
- Better Outcomes for Pupils – a shared commitment to raising standards across all subjects, ensuring every child is supported, challenged, and inspired to achieve their full potential.
- Leadership and Staff Development – opportunities for staff to develop their skills through training, mentoring, and leadership programmes, which in turn strengthens the whole school community.
- Collaboration and Shared Expertise – working alongside other HCAT schools to share best practice, innovate together, and make the most of collective resources.

While we are excited to embrace the opportunities this partnership brings, we remain committed to preserving the unique identity and values of Queens Road Academy. Our pupils, families, and community remain at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward into this new and exciting chapter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Banham
Chief Executive Officer
HCAT