



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

Dec 19th 2017

Dear Parents

KEMENETH MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

As you know, there has been a formal consultation from Oct 30th to Dec 14th 2017 with regard to Penryn College becoming part of Kemeneth Multi Academy Trust. There have been meetings in Flushing School, Mawnan C of E VA Primary School, Mylor Bridge County Primary School, Perran-Ar-Worthal Community Primary School and Penryn College for parents, governors and staff. Staff from all the schools also met to consider educational priorities. In addition, "drop in" sessions were arranged in each school with the Head and CEO to answer specific questions. 61 staff, 31 parents and 20 governors took part in the consultation process.

The following topics were explored in the individual school consultations:

- The ways in which children's education can be improved by working together, building on strengths and sharing training and expertise whilst preserving what is distinctive and special about each school, its approach to learning and individual curriculum.
- Ensure there are clear short, medium and long term goals.
- The importance of keeping a Headteacher in each school and maintaining the excellent work of the Penryn Partnership
- The importance of financial viability; due diligence arrangements; the devolution of finances and arrangements if other schools join in the future.
- The need to consult very specifically with governors on the Scheme of Delegation.
- Why some schools have joined other MATs and why we are forming our own MAT.
- The importance of each school being an equal partner, regardless of how many children attend the school, and the importance of keeping parents informed.
- How Members and Trustees are appointed; how the governance of the Trust will operate and how Governors want to interact with Governors in other schools.
- The importance of excellent communication at all levels.
- How shared administration can reduce the burden on individual schools, their administrators and headteachers.
- Arrangements for building, maintenance and PFI.
- The need to learn from other MATs' good and less good practices.
- Some parents' desire for pupils attending Trust schools to be guaranteed a Penryn College place on secondary transfer.



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What Now?

- There will be a meeting for parents who would like to plan Kemeneth Parents Forum in the Spring Term 18. The date and venue will be confirmed next term.
- There will be a meeting for all Governors on Monday 8th January from 5.00 – 7.00 pm at Mawnan School. This is to consult on the draft Scheme of Delegation.
- Governing Bodies will confirm their intention to join Kemeneth MAT by Jan 22 2018. Each school can, of course, withdraw at any time prior to conversion. The planned conversion date is April 1st 2018.

Members

Tony Bennett
Fred Bidgood
Randall Brook
Alan Cottle
Anne Embury

Trustees – 7 of the 9 have been appointed

Marie Hunter - CEO
Clive Ansell
Paul Dale
Gill Harries *
Lizzie Hoskins
Bob Hurrell
Roger Hygate
Henry Preston
Jacqui Woodward

*Mrs Harries is currently the Penryn College staff representative on the Shadow Board. A Staff Trustee, elected from either primary or secondary colleagues will take up office on April 1st.

Joining a MAT is a very important decision for us. Thank you for the time that you have given to consider this very important proposal. We value the contribution you have made very much.

Every best wish for a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.



Yours faithfully,

Henry Preston
Chair of Governors