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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Trinity Catholic School Academy Consultation**

In February 2014 the Archbishop, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, set out the vision for Catholic Education in the Birmingham Archdiocese with the intention of all schools joining one of the families of Multi Academy Companies (MACs). Trinity has always been a forward-looking school and we have always worked closely with the other schools in the Archdiocese. In July 2020 the Interim Executive Board wrote to stakeholders outlining the proposal for Trinity Catholic School to join Our Lady of Lourdes MAC, as part of the wider Diocesan strategy.

Our Lady of Lourdes MAC is currently a family of five schools but is already well established, and includes an outstanding secondary school and a nationally accredited Teaching School. Over the past year, we have been working with the MAC to discuss and plan the way forward, establishing a relationship built on a shared vision, trust, and integrity. They have welcomed us to take part in their board discussions and Headteacher meetings as well as joint planning with the other schools. This has given us a true insight into how they work and their strong ethos and identity. They feel excited and blessed to have the opportunity to increase their capacity to include Trinity Catholic School as part of their family. We now seek to progress our application to the conversion stage to become an academy around January 2021.

As part of this process, we are formally consulting with our parents, students, and other stakeholders, to provide an opportunity for you to make comments or ask questions.

To help with this, we have created a central website, <http://www.trinity-school.org.uk/academy-consultation/> which provides;

- Details on the proposal and a FAQ section.
- Information about Our Lady of Lourdes MAC, and a link to their website
- A list of key dates
- An electronic form for comments or questions on the proposal.

If you unable to provide feedback electronically, please send your comments or questions to us in writing to:

Trinity Academy Consultation  
C/O The School Office  
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Leamington Spa  
CV32 6NB

More general information about academies can be found on the DfE website:  
<http://www.education.gov.uk/academies>.

Yours sincerely

**Interim Executive Board**