

1st September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Moseley School and Sixth Form

I hope you and your families have had a good summer break and that your children are looking forward to returning to school for the new academic year.

I am writing to share an important update regarding the work of West Midlands Academy Trust (WMAT).

The Department for Education has notified us that it has identified WMAT as its preferred sponsor for Moseley School, following the school's Ofsted judgement and the arrangements that have been in place since December 2025 to help the school make the improvements needed. Subject to the necessary due diligence, approvals and legal processes, Moseley could join our Trust during the coming year.

As a Trust, our purpose is to ensure that every child attends a school where they can thrive, achieve and experience an exceptional education. We are therefore pleased that the Department for Education has recognised the capacity, expertise and track record within WMAT to support Moseley on the next stage of its improvement journey.

This is not a completely new relationship. Since March, colleagues from WMAT and the South Area Network of local schools have been working alongside leaders at Moseley through support commissioned by Birmingham City Council. Through this work, we have already seen encouraging early signs of improvement, with recent external reviews recognising a more positive and optimistic culture amongst leaders, improved behaviour and conduct across the school, more systematic quality assurance processes and early improvements in teaching and learning. While there remains significant work ahead, these are important foundations on which future improvement can be built.

Should the proposal for Moseley to join WMAT proceed, our approach will be based on partnership, collaboration and long-term capacity building. We know that sustainable school improvement comes from investing in people, developing strong leadership and creating the conditions in which staff and pupils can succeed. Colleagues from across our Trust will play an important role in supporting this work, sharing expertise and helping to strengthen educational provision for the young people of Moseley.

I also want to reassure you that this development will not affect the day-to-day experience of pupils in our existing schools. Our commitment to securing excellent outcomes and opportunities for every child across WMAT remains unchanged. At the same time, we believe that supporting schools in our local community to improve is entirely consistent with our values and our longstanding commitment to the South Area Network and the communities we serve.

We are still at an early stage in the process and a final decision has not yet been made. There is now a period of detailed due diligence and formal consideration involving the relevant governing bodies, the WMAT Board and the Department for Education before any transfer could take place.

We will keep our school communities updated as the process develops. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our schools and our Trust. I wish you and your family a very positive start to the new academic year.



Mr M Dunn
Chief Executive Officer