



1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

We are writing to you to warmly welcome you as important and valued partners in the South Suffolk Learning Trust. This new Multi Academy Trust will seek to benefit all the children in its care. It has been a long journey to reach conversion, but the time we have taken was well spent to ensure that this was the correct direction of travel for all of our partner schools.

You will, of course, remain as part of your own school community but with the added strength of a formalised and positive partnership with other schools. We know over time there will be beneficial opportunities for students to help them achieve their very best and for staff to train and deliver the highest quality learning to all students.

As a reminder our vision statement is:

### **Excellence Through Collaboration**

Our vision for the Trust is to provide an excellent education for the young people in our learning community through highly effective collaboration, based upon mutual challenge and support.

All learners in our Trust will be challenged and supported to be the best that they can be and develop into responsible citizens with a passion for lifelong learning.

We believe that developing the attributes below in all members of our learning community is essential in achieving our vision:

- Resilience
- Creativity
- Integrity
- Respect, tolerance and empathy
- A positive attitude and passion for learning
- Excellent communication skills
- The expertise to collaborate
- The confidence to learn independently

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We thought it would be helpful to introduce the Members and Trustees for the South Suffolk Learning Trust.

The Members are:

1. Ralph Tyldesley
2. Peter Espley
3. Martin Redbond
4. Neil Watts
5. Chair of the Trust Board (TBC)

The Trustees are:

1. Stephen Carr
2. Olga Lancaster
3. Chris Smith
4. Michelle Kirk
5. David Fox
6. Linda Bamford
7. Nick Wilding
8. Gareth Spinner

All trustees can be contacted through through your own Headteacher.

Should you wish to raise a matter with either the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer they can be contacted as follows:

CEO - Sarah Skinner - contact through Claydon High School

CFO - Rob Barnes - contact through East Bergholt High School

If you have any questions regarding the Trust please do contact your Headteacher in the first instance.

We look forward to working with you to develop this Trust as one where our students achieve all they are capable of academically and personally, and our staff are supported and developed to deliver the highest quality educational experience.

Yours sincerely

Members, Trustees and Headteachers of SSLT