



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Multi-Academy Trust Consultation: Range High School and The Southport Learning Trust

Range High School converted to a Single Academy Trust (SAT) in November 2011.

With the changing landscape in education and the Government's intention that all schools will be part of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) by 2030, our Trust Board have been researching differing models of collaboration, establishing a new MAT or joining an existing MAT.

The Trust Board priority is to enable our school to continue to provide an excellent education for our students, whilst protecting our school's ethos and identity, and retaining its individual qualities and strengths. Working together with other similar schools in a Multi Academy Trust offers many benefits for our students, the school and the wider community. To retain our school's identity and its capacity to sustain future improvements, the Trust Board now feel it is vital for us to work together in partnership with a like-minded group of schools.

After much consideration and understanding on what joining a MAT could mean for the school, the Trust Board and Senior Managers have approached the Southport Learning Trust.

The Southport Learning Trust is an equitable partnership of educational establishments, with schools in Maghull and across Southport including Greenbank High, Birkdale High and Stanley High to name a few. Range High has worked extensively in the past with many of these schools as part of LA improvement groups. Southport Learning Trust are ambitious for excellence in learning and support, constantly seeking to improve the offer to young people and their families through collaboration, challenge and cooperation across the partnership.

After considerable research and the exploration of different models in recent years, we feel that the ethos and vision of the Southport Learning Trust closely aligns with that of Range High. The Trust Board has concluded that joining the Southport Learning Trust may now be in the best interests of the school, its pupils and the local community.

Next Steps

Our Trust Board are now initiating the consultation process with key stakeholders. You are invited to submit comments and questions and the responses to this consultation will be used to further assess the case for proceeding with the proposal to join The Southport Learning Trust.

The Trust Board are currently seeking the views of:

- Pupils, Parents and Carers
- Staff and their union representatives
- The Local Authority
- Local Schools
- The Local Community
- Other interested parties

So that you can find out more about The Southport Learning Trust, the reason why the Trust Board are considering joining the Trust and some of the concerns about multi-academy trusts, we have developed a



consultation/frequently asked questions document. We hope it will help you to formulate your own views on this important issue. The consultation process will start immediately and conclude on 10/10/2023. Questions and comments regarding the consultation can be submitted as follows:

- e-mail: **consultation@range.sefton.sch.uk**
- Letters: marked '**Private and Confidential – MAT Consultation**' and handed (or posted) to: Range High School, Stapleton Road, Formby, Merseyside, L37 2YN

In addition, consultation meetings will be held at the school as follows:

- Staff: 27th September 2023 at 4pm
- Parents/Carers and Local Community and Other Stakeholders: 27th September 2023 at 6pm, Range High

Consultation documents will also be available on the Schools Website www.range.sefton.sch.uk.

Only once all the stakeholder comments and representations have been collated and considered will the Trust Board decide whether or not to then pursue joining The Southport Learning Trust.