



The Sutton Academy  
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

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Dear Parents/Carers

Before the academy closed for the Summer holiday period we shared our hopes to formally join The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT). We are pleased to now confirm that this has been agreed by the Department for Education, meaning that the academy will join TCAT on 1 September.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the academy to collaborate with a group of schools to ensure that our students get the best education possible, building on the strong position the academy is already in.

Joining the trust will lead to some changes at a Governing Body level. The current academy Trust Board will convert to a Governing Body in November 2024, and I am pleased to say the vast majority of the Trustees will be staying on and converting from a Trustee to a Governor. The main change will be that Peter Winter will be stepping down as Chair and has joined the Trust Board of TCAT; enabling Peter to continue to be involved with the development of the academy through the Trust. The Trust Board will be voting on the new Chair in November 2024, which is the official date that Peter will step down.

I would like to put on record my thanks to Peter for his time and dedication to the academy. Peter stepped up to the position of Chair in 2019 and has been instrumental in the academy's improvements over the last five years.

Please find below a personal message to you from academy Trust Board Chair Peter Winter:

*When I joined The Sutton Academy Trustees in 2015 there was much to do. In 2019 I became Chair and have worked closely with Paul Willerton and the academy staff to get us up to Ofsted Good. This put us in the position to join the excellent TCAT (The Challenge Academy Trust) on the next part of our journey in the delivery of excellence for your children. I will be joining TCAT to ensure we get the best for The Sutton Academy. It has been a privilege to contribute to the improvement at the academy.*

Yours faithfully



Mr P. Willerton  
Principal

