



1st July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Joint letter from Hyde High School and the Tame River Educational Trust.

This is a joint letter from myself as Chair of the School's Governing Board, our Headteacher, Mr Houghton and Mr Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of Tame River Educational Trust.

Following rigorous due diligence by the Department of Education (DfE) and ratification at a recent DfE Advisory Board, Tame River Educational Trust (TRET) has been named as the sponsor of Hyde High School. This follows a 2023 OFSTED judgment that our school requires improvement and DfE direction that Hyde must academise and join a strong Multi Academy Trust.

Academies are state-funded schools; 80% of secondary schools now have academy status. However, unlike other state-funded schools, academies are independent from local authorities, meaning that they are not overseen by councils. When Hyde High School becomes an academy, it will therefore cease to be maintained by Tameside Local Authority.

The TRET family already consists of two local schools, Droylsden Academy, and associate member, Mossley Hollins High School. For more information about TRET please visit www.tret.org.uk where a copy of the Trust Prospectus and overview of the Trust's mission and core educational purposes can be found.

TRET has a strong record of outreach and school improvement work. The Trust has advised and supported schools facing challenges, both in Tameside, and in other local authorities. TRET has begun work with our school, bringing school improvement expertise and capacity so that we can build on the many strengths that already exist at Hyde High School. Further school improvement capacity and expertise will be deployed to assist the team at Hyde over the coming weeks and months.

Mr Wilson has spent time in Hyde recently, working with Mr Houghton and his team, getting to know the school and planning for the new academic year. Before his appointment as CEO of TRET, Mr Wilson led Droylsden Academy as Headteacher from 2015 - 2023. Droylsden Academy rapidly improved from a 2014 OFSTED 'Inadequate' judgment to two successive 'Good' judgments and recent academic outcomes that have placed Droylsden amongst the highest performing similar schools in the country. Mossley Hollins High School was recently judged 'Good' by Ofsted and has a long history of academic success.

Invite to Parent / Carer Information Evening on Thursday 11th July at 5.30pm.

We are very keen to offer parents and carers an opportunity to find out more about how Hyde High School will be supported by TRET. We are therefore delighted to invite you to an information session at school on Thursday 11th July at 5.30pm. The session will last approximately 45 minutes. To book on this session, [please click here to complete a short google form.](#)

The evening will provide further details about TRET, outline important next steps as Hyde High School moves towards academisation and give you the opportunity to meet key leaders from the Trust. We

welcome and encourage you to ask questions and we hope as many parents and carers as possible will join us.

In the meantime, we are very excited about the next phase of our improvement journey as we embrace our partnership with TRET and build on the many aspects of our work that makes Hyde High School such a special place.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C Foster
Chair of Governors



Mr R Houghton
Headteacher



Mr P Wilson
TRET Chief Executive Officer