

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Conversion to Academy - Bourne Education Trust

As you will be aware, Kings International College has been an associate member of Bourne Education Trust ('BET') since September 2020. During this time, we have benefitted from multiple services as associate members. The Governors are now proposing we academise and have applied to become an academy under the Academies Act 2010. As part of the process, we are consulting on whether the school's academy conversion should take place.

BET was established in 2011 and has grown steadily since then. It is largely Surrey based with 20 of its 26 schools here but has also expanded into Hampshire and Richmond. Made up of 21 academies, 4 associate schools and one free school, which is due to open in September 2024. Of its 26 schools, there are 13 primaries, 9 secondaries, 2 alternative provision, 2 special schools and the new free school. It is responsible for the education of approximately 12,500 pupils and employs just over 1,300 staff.

A consultation meeting has been arranged for parents and carers and the wider general public on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6pm at Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ. Representatives of BET and Kings International College will be present to discuss any questions you may have.

The Governors are seeking your views on the conversion to academy status and joining BET with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. We would be grateful if you could complete the short questionnaire and return to school marked FAO Chair of Governors, Conversion, Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 after which the governors will finalise their decision.

Alternatively, you can email your response to [conversion@kings-international.co.uk](mailto:conversion@kings-international.co.uk) or submit your views through this [link](#).

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) which covers all areas of the conversion is available on our website, under Key Information and Policies. If you would like a paper copy, please let the school office know and we will provide one for you. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



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