

PRESS STATEMENT

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The Brakenhale School decides to join the Greenshaw Learning Trust

The Greenshaw Learning Trust is pleased to announce that The Brakenhale School in Bracknell, Berkshire, has decided that it wants to become an academy and join the Greenshaw Learning Trust in the Spring of next year.

The Governing Body of The Brakenhale School has been considering their options and how to secure the best future for their school. They resolved that it would be in their best interests for their school to become an academy in partnership with the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

Mike Cooper, Chair of the Greenshaw Learning Trust said:

“We are delighted that the Brakenhale School wants to join our Trust. The school will bring its particular perspective and expertise to enrich our family of schools.”

“This is an important step in the planned development of the Trust, bringing together a community of schools that want to collaborate for the benefit of all their students and staff.”

The Greenshaw Learning Trust will be working with The Brakenhale School to set out details of their proposals and to consult with stakeholders in January. Further information will be issued and posted on the Trust website in due course.

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The Brakenhale School is an average sized 11–19 mixed comprehensive school situated on the southern side of Bracknell in Berkshire. The school has a very strong ethos centred on the belief that every student has the right to achieve their potential. The school has high expectations for all of its students and believes that every child in the school matters. It is the fastest growing and most rapidly improving secondary school in Bracknell Forest. The headteacher is Jane Coley. www.brakenhale.co.uk.

The Brakenhale School shares the values and ambitions of the Greenshaw Learning Trust and the other schools in the Trust; the Trust has the skills and capacity to provide the support that will help Brakenhale improve; and Brakenhale will contribute to the development of the Trust. This partnership will benefit the students and staff of Brakenhale and of the other schools in the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

As an academy in the Greenshaw Learning Trust Brakenhale will maintain its existing character and ethos, will not change its name or admission arrangements, and will maintain terms and conditions for its staff. All the schools in the Trust will gain from close collaboration with and support from each other and benefit from economies of scale.

The Governing Body of Brakenhale, in collaboration with the Greenshaw Learning Trust, will be consulting staff, parents and other stakeholders in the New Year. The school and the Trust will be working with the Department for Education and local councils to make the necessary arrangements and, if the proposals proceed to plan, the school anticipates becoming an academy and joining the Greenshaw Learning Trust in March 2016.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust is an established academy trust responsible for running Greenshaw High School in Sutton, Green Wrythe Primary School in Carshalton and Edenham High School in Shirley. The Trust has proven skills, experience and capacity to help schools improve, that have been endorsed by the Department for Education (DfE). The Trust has been given DfE approval for its proposal to open a new secondary school in Sutton in 2017.