

Carre's Grammar School to become Academy

At a meeting of the Governing Body of Carre's Grammar School on 26 May it was decided unanimously to convert to become an Academy for the start of the next academic year. This follows many weeks of painstaking investigation and negotiation with the Department of Education to ensure that Carre's Grammar School got the best possible deal for its students and future generations. We understand that the Secretary of State is minded to approve the application and the aim is to become an Academy by 1 September.

Carre's Grammar School has a vision of being a leading innovative force in the delivery of continuously improving and high quality education within a culture of intellectual freedom that wants to meet the needs and aspirations of boys across the 11-18 age range and in company with girls at the sixth form stage, whatever their background or circumstances. The additional income and freedom that Academy status brings could enable Carre's to achieve that vision more effectively than remaining as a Foundation School, as it is at present. We believe that the freedom to develop our curriculum, our extra-curricular activities and our premises will bring benefits to current and future generations of Carre's students that would not be possible under Local Authority control. We also want the school to provide a rich environment of opportunities for students to develop a broad range of extra-curricular skills to their highest potential.

This change will bring extra funding to the school. It will become an independent state school, no longer maintained by the Local Authority, but funds will be provided by the state. Carre's will remain a grammar school and its admissions arrangements will be completely unchanged, as will its ethos, uniform and core values.

We sincerely believe that the move to Academy Status is the best way of preserving the Carre's Grammar School we all know and love; a happy, principled school, full of action and activity with very high expectations of its students and excellent teaching, which delivers outstanding results.

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