



Friday 15th September 2023

**Joint letter from Jane Acklam OBE, Chair of Interim Executive Board (IEB) for Denton Community College and Rob Tarn CBE, Chief Executive of Northern Education Trust**

Dear Parents and Carers

This is a joint letter from myself as Chair of the IEB and Rob Tarn CBE, the CEO of Northern Education Trust.

You may be aware that Northern Education Trust (NET) has been chosen as our preferred sponsor, following the need for us to join a strong multi academy trust.

Northern Education Trust sponsors 23 academies across the north of England, and has an excellent national reputation. All of their academies that have been inspected by Ofsted are 'Good' or 'Outstanding', with some of them being within the most improved schools nationally.

The work that they do is detailed in their prospectus which can be found here <https://www.northerneducationtrust.org/about-us/trust-prospectus/>

Since our return in September, Northern Education Trust have invested heavily in school improvement capacity and I am delighted to inform you that, as part of our developing relationship with NET, they will provide Denton Community College with an executive principal, Mr Dean Buckley, as well as a number of other colleagues to support the school's work; all at no cost to the school.

Mr Buckley has led a number of Northern Education Trust academies in the North West and South Yorkshire, all of which have improved rapidly. We are very grateful to NET for this generous offer and I am sure this will only be the start of our developing relationship.

Mr Donald Cumming will continue as the acting head teacher at Denton Community College.

**Invite to meeting – Thursday 21st September 2023 at 6pm**

In order to offer parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about this, we are delighted to invite you to a meeting to be held at Denton Community College on Thursday 21st September at 6.00pm. The meeting will provide further detail about the important developments and give you the opportunity to meet key leaders from Northern Education Trust.

At the meeting on 21st September, you will also have the opportunity to listen to the reasons for the proposals to form a longer term relationship with Northern Education Trust. We welcome and encourage you to ask questions about the proposals. I hope as many parents and carers as possible will join us, and we look forward to meeting you in the evening.

In the meantime, the recent Ofsted monitoring report will be published imminently. A copy will be available soon and we will make this available to you via our website. We hope that you will enjoy reading about the

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recent improvements made and we are excited about the next phase of our improvement journey as we embrace our partnership with Northern Education Trust.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Tarn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jane Acklam OBE  
Chair of the IEB at Denton Community College

Rob Tarn CBE  
CEO of Northern Education Trust