



## The Marist Catholic Primary School

*Together, Achieving, Loving, Learning*

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Dear Parents and Carers of Marist pupils and staff of The Marist School,

**Re: Consultation and decision regarding opportunity to convert to Academy status and to join The Xavier Catholic Education Trust.**

We are sending you this letter to let you know the decision of the Marist Governing Board regarding the opportunity for The Marist School to apply for academy status and its follow up actions.

As previously communicated to you, the Consultation finished on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Governing Board would like to thank you for your attendance at the Consultation Open Forum, for your questions and for returning your Consultation Forms. The replies were overwhelmingly in favour of the option to convert to academy status.

The Governing Board met on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to review your replies and to reach a decision on whether to progress the application to become an academy. The Governing Board decided in favour of progressing the application. The Governing Board unanimously decided to apply for The Marist School to become an academy and to apply for The Marist to join the Xavier Catholic Education Trust (Xavier CET) which is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

The application was sent to the Diocesan Academies Strategic Board (DASB) of Arundel and Brighton and the DASB met on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to consider our application. Chair and Vice Chair of Marist Governors were present at the meeting and were pleased to learn that the Board approved the application.

The Board made a recommendation in favour of the Marist's application to Bishop Richard Moth and the Bishop approved the recommendation and signed the letter of conditional consent for The Marist. This has enabled us to submit the application to the Department for Education, which completes the application process. We now embark on a period of a number of months working with Xavier CET to complete the action plan for conversion.

Thank you again for your contributions to the process.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of Governors

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