

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Consultation on Conversion to Academy Status**

Further to my recent letter, regarding the Board of Governors' decision for Tong High School to become an Academy, I am now writing with information about the consultation process.

As part of the proposal to become an Academy, there will be a four week statutory consultation process in which parents, carers, staff, governors and other stakeholders will be able to state their views on the proposal to convert to Academy status.

As outlined in my original letter, we have been working closely with the Regional Schools' Commissioner to identify the best sponsor for our school and the Governing Body Governors have approved the recommendation of working with Tauheedul Education Trust (TET) due to its exceptional track record of sustaining and improving schools in the North West. TET currently runs ten schools and all those that have been inspected have been rated "outstanding" by Ofsted. It also supports many more schools and aspiring leaders through school improvement and leadership training, so it is an excellent choice to support us on our continued journey of improvement.

We are of course very keen to hear your views as we move forward. The consultation period will run from **2 November to 27 November 2015**, and there will be a variety of ways in which parents and carers can contribute.

- We will be making available, on our website, a consultation document and questionnaire to enable parents and carers to respond - [www.tongschool.co.uk/academy](http://www.tongschool.co.uk/academy).
- There will be a series of consultation events at Tong on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** where parents and carers will be able to find out more information, ask questions and express their views:
  - **Years 7 & 8:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-5.30pm, Tong High School.
  - **Years 9 & 10:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-6.30pm, Tong High School.
  - **Years 11 & Sixth Form:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30-7.30pm, Tong High School.
  - *If the allocated time above is inconvenient please contact us on 01274 681455.*
- We will also be providing information on the school's website [www.tongschool.co.uk/academy](http://www.tongschool.co.uk/academy) to explain more about what converting to become an Academy means for Tong High School.

I hope you will be able to contribute to the consultation and I would like to encourage you to join us at the consultation event.

Beyond this formal consultation period, we will continue to work closely with parents and continually seek their feedback. This ongoing engagement will be critical to our approach, and the success of the school moving forward.

Kind Regards,

Mr. S. Curran, Head teacher