



The Catholic Schools of Bishop Walsh, St Nicholas, Holy Cross and St Joseph's in Sutton Coldfield within the Archdiocese of Birmingham

20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Conversion to Academy status

I am pleased to confirm that Bishop Walsh, Holy Cross, St Joseph's and St Nicholas Schools will all be converting to academy status from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to form a multi academy company (MAC). The MAC will be called the John Paul II Multi Academy Company but each school will keep its own name and identity. Apart from some changes in signs and stationery, there will be no immediate changes to how the schools operate on a day to day basis. However, cheques to all schools will need to be made payable to the John Paul II Multi Academy Company from the beginning of next term.

This is an important milestone on our journey together which will build on the developing relationship between the four schools for the benefit of all children and families in our communities. We would like to thank you for your support and engagement which has helped to get us to this point and also for your continued support as we strive to strengthen Catholic education for all of our children in the future.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Reverend D N J-M Bayliss  
Chair of Board of Directors  
John Paul II Multi Academy Company