



Chellaston Academy

Integrity Care Excellence

Chellaston Academy Transfer to QEGSMAT

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is Chellaston Academy transferring to another multi academy trust?

All academies and multi academy trusts are accountable to the Department for Education (DfE) through their Funding Agreement. When an academy is judged to be underperforming, then the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) has powers to intervene to ensure that high quality support is commissioned to improve them quickly. In the case of Chellaston Academy, the Ofsted 'inadequate' judgement in June 2019 and the subsequent monitoring visit in February 2020 (where the Academy was judged to not be taking effective action to remove the 'inadequate' judgement) has triggered this intervention and the RSC has directed that the Academy is transferred to another multi academy trust.

2. How was it decided that QEGSMAT would be the sponsor multi academy trust?

The RSC, in consultation with PEAKMAT, invited a number of potential sponsors to put forward a submission addressing a range of criteria including their capacity to drive school improvement, track record and geographical location. The RSC's Headteacher Board, an advisory panel, then met to consider the submissions and recommended that the Academy should transfer to QEGSMAT.

3. When will the transfer take place?

All parties are working towards a transfer date of 1st April 2021. The transfer will not take place prior to this date but may be later, subject to the completion of all necessary legal work.

4. Where can we find more information about QEGSMAT?

QEGSMAT is a small multi academy trust currently with two secondary and three primary schools based in Derbyshire, Derby City and Staffordshire. Established at the start of 2017, it is based on a set of actions defined by their students; 'Question, Explore, Give and Succeed'. QEGSMAT Chair of Trustees says about QEGSMAT: "We are a teacher led, student focused MAT, thriving on close links with parents and the communities in which we live. The Members, Trustees and Governors of our MAT recognise we are there to serve the community by providing the very best all-round education possible to our students. We set very high aspirations for our staff and students and are ambitious and excited about the future."

Further details are available from QEGSMAT website: <https://www.qegsmat.com/>

5. How will this transfer affect my child?

There will be no disruption to your child's education as a result of this transfer. Pupils will continue with lessons as normal with their usual teachers and under the day to day management and leadership of the Headteacher, Mr Ryan Metters, who took up post in September 2020. The Academy will continue to be known as Chellaston Academy.

There will be additional sharing of expertise and resources from within QEGSMAT which will be to the benefit of staff and pupils at the academy.

6. Will the uniform or logo be changed?

No – Chellaston Academy uniform and logo will stay the same.

7. Will there be immediate changes to the timetable or school day as a result of the transfer?

No – QEGSMAT will not be making any changes to the school day or the timetable as a result of the transfer.

8. How will the transfer affect admissions to the Academy?

Admissions to Chellaston Academy will continue as before with no change to the admissions arrangements for Year 7 or to the Sixth Form. In year admissions will also remain unchanged.

The arrangements for excluded children both from Chellaston Academy and into Chellaston Academy are managed through Derby City Council's Fair Access policy. QEGSMAT is part of this arrangement and Chellaston Academy will continue to be part of the Fair Access arrangements.

9. How can parents raise queries?

If you have queries about your child's education you should continue to raise these in the normal way through contacting the relevant member of staff at school.

QEGSMAT CEO, Mrs Anne Martin, will provide more information to parents in due course.

If you have general questions about QEGSMAT, then please email QEGSMAT info@geqsmat.com

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