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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Chief Executive of Salford Academy Trust, I am delighted to take this opportunity to write to you with the news that Irlam & Cadishead College will formally become an academy within the Trust on 1st July, 2017.

Whilst we have been working alongside the College for a significant period of time, this confirmation allows the College to enter into a new and exciting phase, with a continued emphasis on improving the College to ensure that we are providing the Irlam & Cadishead community with the great College that you deserve.

In many ways, you will not notice any significant changes. As you will be aware, we will continue to work with the same teachers, our students will wear the same uniform with the pride that they demonstrate for this community and we will continue to work at the same rate of improvement to give our students the best possible outcomes.

On that note, and with considerable sadness, you will be aware that Mrs Nightingale has taken the decision to resign her position at the end of this academic year. I am hugely grateful for the support that she offered me personally since taking up post in January and also for the hugely significant impact that she has had in improving the College and therefore the life chances of the children that we serve.

I know you will all join me in wishing her well and share the sentiment that she will always be welcome back to this College.

Looking forward, Mrs Foley will take up post as the new Principal in September. Mrs Foley is a hugely experienced school leader in her own right, with experience also as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors for Ofsted. I am certain that Mrs Foley will continue to drive the school forward and that we can look forward to celebrating many achievements together in the future.

As an academy within Salford Academy Trust, ICC will be a part of a family of four schools working together in partnership. Whilst the new Principal will operate with complete accountability for the success of the school, it is my role as the CEO to provide the right balance of challenge and support to help drive the schools forward and to share good practice across the Trust.



Previously, I have been the Executive Principal / Principal at an Academy in Lincolnshire where I was able to demonstrate significant improvements to the culture of the school, behaviour, attendance, the quality of teaching and learning and ultimately, the results for the children. The outcome of this was that for the first time ever, the school was recognised by OFSTED as good and I am very proud to have been able to build trust with the local community and establish their confidence in the local school. I am confident that we can achieve the same outcome here and that for this community, Irlam & Cadishead College will be the first choice of school for the vast majority of parents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K Rowlands', written in a cursive style.

K Rowlands
Chief Executive
Salford Academy Trust