

24th January 2012

Dear Parents

Academy Conversion Consultation

Many of you will be aware that good and outstanding schools can convert to academy status. At our full Governing Body meeting on Thursday 19th January 2012, Governors at Rye College took the decision to initiate the consultation process regarding conversion to academy status. This process will start on Tuesday 24th January 2012.

We wish to seek views of all our community to inform our final decision. To support parents / carers in developing their knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an Academy, we have prepared an information document which is available following the Academy link on the school website at **www.ryecollege.co.uk**


We have already begun to discuss Academy status with staff in school, and will also include students and members of the wider community in the consultation process.

We have arranged a briefing session for parents on **Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 7.00pm in the Hall**. At this session, we will explain why we believe that Academy conversion will support our plans for developing post 16 courses in Rye. At the meeting, you will be able to raise any questions you might have with Governors and the Principal.

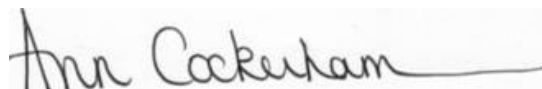
Alternatively you can email us with questions and views at **academyconsultation@ryecollege.e-sussex.sch.uk** or write to us at the school. Letters should be marked 'Private and Confidential Academy Consultation'. Please complete and return any comments to us by **12 noon on 28th February 2012** in order that your opinions are considered in the consultation process.

We look forward to your feedback.

Yours sincerely

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Ian Ross
Chair of Governors

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Ann Cockerham
Principal