

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to tell you of proposed changes to the sponsorship of Thornaby Academy.

A newly formed Multi Academy Trust (MAT) has been created with *Freebrough Academy* in Redcar as the lead sponsor. This MAT will be called the **Teesside Learning Trust** and on 30 June 2016 this newly formed MAT received approval as the new Sponsor for Thornaby Academy. Freebrough was graded as Good by Ofsted in 2015 and the Regional Schools Commissioner has decided that they no longer need to be a sponsored Academy.

This development gives us an opportunity to build upon the strong relationships and partnerships already in place between the two Academies and allows us to share the expertise and resources across both schools for the benefits of all of the young people which we work with.

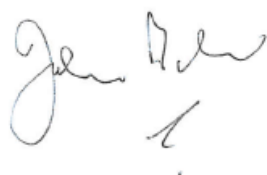
As you will know, Teesside University has been the lead sponsor for both Thornaby and Freebrough since 2010. Thornaby has also been supported by co-sponsors; Stockton Borough Council, Stockton Riverside College and Stockton Sixth Form College.

Last year, Teesside University announced its intention to step away from the sponsorship of both Academies and the proposal is that this will happen in September 2016. The University has given a commitment to continue working with both institutions to ensure that pupils have access to opportunities and experiences at Teesside University.

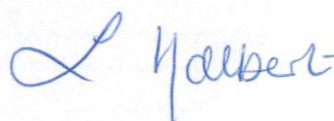
We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a meeting at Thornaby Academy on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 6.00 pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet key staff from the Multi Academy Trust and hear about the opportunities this will bring for your child.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely



MR JOHN BAKER  
Chair of the Trust



MRS LINDA HALBERT  
CEO of the Trust