

8th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

GSET consulting on Green Spring Academy Shoreditch formally joining the MST family of schools

I am writing to you with important developments at Green Spring Academy Shoreditch. Green Spring Education Trust (GSET) and Mulberry Schools Trust (MST) have today announced that they are consulting on GSAS formally joining the MST family of schools. We believe this proposal will secure a stable, long-term footing for GSAS allowing it to grow and thrive within the family of schools belonging to MST.

As you know, GSET and MST have established a successful, collaborative relationship during this past year and we wish to build on the high quality education GSAS provides for children and their families. MST share many of our own values, ethos and vision of education and this was a key driver in our decision to consult with you on this proposal.

If the proposal is approved by the Department for Education, GSET will be working very closely with MST to ensure a smooth transition and handover process so that there is no disruption to students' learning. It will result in GSAS legally transferring from GSET to MST on 1st September 2018.

We would like to invite your views on the matter and have arranged a meeting for parents/carers on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 5.00pm. You will be able to hear more about our plans and ask questions.

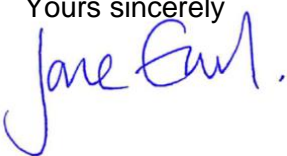
If you are unable to attend the meeting and you would like to email us, please do so using the following email address: parents@gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk.

We plan to speak to students during assemblies after half-term and we will be using a range of student voice platforms to ensure we fully involve our young people in discussions about the future of their school.

You will also find enclosed with this letter an Indicative Consultation Timeline and a copy of the press statement.

On behalf of GSET, I would like to thank you for your support this past year and all you do to play your part in ensuring our students achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the Trust Board
Green Spring Education Trust

Encl: Indicative Consultation Timeline
Press statement

Green Spring Academy Shoreditch

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Indicative Consultation Timeline

Date	Action
Thu 8/2/18	Public announcement that GSET and MST are consulting with their stakeholders on GSAS formally joining the MST family of schools.
Thu 8/2/18	Commencement of stakeholder consultations – 4 school weeks.
Half term break	
Mon 19/2/18	Legal and financial work for transfer commences.
Wed 21/2/18	GSAS staff meeting at 4.00pm.
Wed 21/2/18	Governance meeting at 6.00pm.
Thu 22/2/18	Parent/Carer meeting at 5.00pm.
Thu 15/3/18	Completion of stakeholder consultations.
Tue 20/3/18	Response paper on the consultations completed for GSET & MST boards. Circulated to GSET and MST boards with draft business case for RSC Headteacher Board approval.
Wed 21/3/18	MST Board meeting to approve papers.
Wed 21/3/18	Additional GSET Board meeting by conference call to approve papers.
Mon 26/3/18	Consultation response circulated to stakeholders.
Mon 26/3/18	Papers for RSC's Headteacher Board submitted.
Easter break	
Thu 19/4/18	RSC Headteacher Board meeting.
Fri 20/4/18	Communication of decision from RSC's office.
w/c Mon 23/4/18	Special Board meetings by MST & GSET or written resolutions for incorporation on 1/9/18.
Fri 27/4/18	If approved, commencement of final legal transfer work.
Mon 30/4/18	Commencement of TUPE consultation at GSAS, MST & MUTC.
Wed 9/5/18	GSET Board meeting.
Half term break	
Fri 8/6/18	Completion of TUPE consultation.
Wed 20/6/18	One month notice of TUPE transfer to Trade Unions and staff for incorporation on 1/9/18 (end of term Fri 20/7/18 – holiday periods not counted in process).
Wed 27/6/18	MST Board meeting – resolution for incorporation on 1/9/18.
Wed 4/7/18	GSET Board meeting.



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Green Spring Academy Shoreditch consulting on proposal to formally join the Mulberry Schools Trust

Green Spring Education Trust (“GSET”) and Mulberry Schools Trust (“MST”), two long standing providers of education in Tower Hamlets, today announce that they are consulting with their stakeholders on Green Spring Academy Shoreditch (“GSAS”) formally joining the MST family of schools.

GSET and MST have established a successful, collaborative relationship during this past year, providing high quality educational experiences and achievements for students at GSAS. If approved, this proposal will secure a stable, long-term footing for GSAS allowing it to grow and thrive within the family of schools belonging to MST.

GSET’s values, ethos and vision of education are fully aligned with MST’s and this match is a key driver in the development of their existing partnership. GSAS and Mulberry School for Girls (“MSfG”), the lead school in the MST, collectively serve diverse and culturally rich communities within Tower Hamlets and many families are shared between them. The proposal will also provide opportunities for all staff to develop professionally through involvement in MST’s Teaching School. Staff will be able to share in the wider work of MST and make a contribution to school improvement at regional and national level.

We now enter a formal consultation period with our stakeholders to ensure we listen to their views and share up to date information.

Jane Earl, Chair of GSET said: *“Our vision is to support students to achieve their absolute best whatever their ability or background and to offer our staff opportunities to develop and grow professionally. We believe we can do this most effectively by joining forces with MST – an outstanding educational provider within our local community with similar values and aspirations. We look forward to working alongside our students, parents/carers, staff and the entire GSAS community to develop an important and significant place within MST – for the benefit of all.”*

Jane Farrell, Chair of MST said: *“We are very pleased to be working with GSET to further develop our relationship. We have exciting plans in place for MST and we want all our stakeholders to benefit. We would welcome the opportunity for GSAS to play a significant and distinctive role within the MST family and in our future work. We want to reassure parents/carers, staff and the wider community that each school within MST has its own distinctive character and identity, all offering an outstanding education to every child in its care.”*

Dr Vanessa Ogden, CEO of MST said: *“We are delighted to be in talks with GSET about the future of GSAS. The academy’s dedication, professionalism and care for students and parents/carers continually impresses everyone who visits. The priority now is to ensure that GSAS continues to focus on every student reaching their full potential and achieving their best. We look forward to keeping everyone informed of the exciting opportunities ahead and innovative projects that are currently being developed.”*

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Green Spring Education Trust and Green Spring Academy Shoreditch

Green Spring Academy Shoreditch (GSAS) is an 11-19 academy located in the heart of East London. It is the founding school of the Green Spring Education Trust. GSET's vision is to deliver the greatest outcomes for young people and the communities they serve through closer links, sharing expertise and promoting outstanding practice. It is committed to achieving the very best for its students, regardless of ability or background, which goes beyond academic success.

For further details, please visit: www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk

Mulberry Schools Trust

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a small multi academy trust (MAT) that focuses on delivering high quality provision for local families in Tower Hamlets and central East London. Founded by Mulberry School for Girls on 1st May 2017, its aim is to establish a family of schools committed to providing an outstanding education for all children and young people in its care. It includes the newly opened Mulberry University Technical College (MUTC), a teaching school and a strong arts provision. The Department for Education have also approved the establishment of Mulberry School for Girls and Boys and Mulberry Nursery and Primary School.

For further details, please visit: www.mulberry.towerhamlets.sch.uk/mulberry-schools-trust