



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

Headteacher: John Rooney

Chair of Governors: Dr Pat Hurley

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Catholic Multi-Academy Trust Update

Dear Parents/carers,

Moving to a Multi-Academy Trust model is a very significant moment in the history of Catholic education in the Diocese. It is no exaggeration to say that this is a once in a generation event. However, McAuley will face both a SECTION 48 (inspection of the Catholic life of the school) and a full Ofsted this year. These must remain our priorities.

As such, the Bishop agreed to our request to defer joining the Multi-Academy Trust until September 2022. Governors responded on 17th January, ‘that to fully commit to this great endeavour and to be positive advocates for it to the community we serve, a further period of discernment is necessary so that we can continue to fulfil our obligation to act in the best interests of the staff, students and families of McAuley’.

The full governing body met on Wednesday 26th January, and taking account of all the information that has been previously sent out, unanimously decided that we cannot commit to join in September 2022. This has been communicated to Bishop Ralph. We are aware that other Catholic schools have taken the same decision.

We hope that this clarifies the current position so that we can now continue to work in partnership to further improve our school.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body of The McAuley Catholic High School, Doncaster,

Yours sincerely,

Pat Hurley
Chair of Governors

John Rooney
Headteacher



“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10

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