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THE WHITE ROSE ACADEMIES TRUST BECOMES A FULL MEMBER OF THE LEEDS LEARNING ALLIANCE

The White Rose Academies Trust are delighted to announce that on 14th May 2020, our Board of Directors, approved the Trust to become a full member of the Leeds Learning Alliance (LLA), with immediate effect. The Leeds Learning Alliance is a Foundation Trust formed by like-minded Leeds educational organisations based upon a shared commitment to inclusion, close collaboration and high level ambition.

The WRAT strongly aligns with the main principles of the LLA which are:

Unconditional mutual respect.

Inclusive and comprehensive admission and retention practices.

A supportive and challenging culture:

- encouraging the development and sharing of innovation.
- providing opportunities, encouragement and challenge for staff to improve their own practice.
- working generously with partners.

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Learning and community at the heart of all that we do.

A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum offer for every child.

An expectation that all take responsibility for their own development.

Strong and tailored information, advice and guidance to all learners at all stages of education.

Widening access to the wealth of learning opportunities in Leeds.

Shared community use of facilities and a commitment to and promotion of family learning and healthy lifestyles.

Commitment and accountability to local communities and the city for cohesion and opportunities for involvement.

On joining the LLA, Andrew Whitaker, CEO of the White Rose Academies Trust said:

“The trust is delighted to work with the organisations and colleagues across the LLA family. We feel that our membership of this organisation is a key part of our 2025 strategy; a strategy that will see the trust grow and become an even more inclusive and collaborative organisation”.

Paul Brennan Chair of the LLA also made the following statement:

“I am delighted and excited by the enormous potential that is created by White Rose Academies Trust joining the Leeds Learning Alliance. This builds and strengthens all our work in bringing the best that Leeds has to offer its children and young people and most especially those that are overcoming disadvantage in their young lives.

This places the Leeds Learning Alliance in an even stronger position to further drive achievement through collaboration and inclusion”.

<https://www.leedslearningalliance.org/>

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LEEDS LEARNING ALLIANCE

The Leeds Learning Alliance is a Trust formed by like-minded Leeds educational organisations based upon shared commitment to inclusion, close collaboration and high level ambition.

A successful and continuously improving organisation of partners that ensures:

- Rigorous and effective quality assurance.
- High quality teaching and learning.
- High quality professional development.
- Research informed practice development.
- Maximising participation in learning.
- Effective and efficient use of resources.
- Joint commissioning.
- Economies of scale through shared resources and joint ventures.
- Promoting healthy lifestyles.

THE WHITE ROSE ACADEMIES TRUST

Following a rapid improvement programme across **Leeds East Academy, Leeds City Academy** and **Leeds West Academy**, the young people within **The White Rose Academies Trust** are now benefiting from a **greatly enhanced education**.

New leadership, exceptional teaching and **cutting-edge facilities** equip students with the unique skills and personal confidence to fully meet their aspirations and potential

The White Rose Academies Trust is a local Trust dedicated to raising and fulfilling the ambitions of young people. Our academies throughout Leeds are at the heart of the communities they serve, which is why we are committed to delivering an outstanding education to every one of our students.

The Trust employs almost 400 outstanding professionals who are committed to unlocking the potential of the next generation.

We benefit hugely from our sponsor, Leeds City College which, along with the White Rose Academies Trust, is part of the Luminare Education Group. Other

members of the group include Leeds College of Music, Keighley College and Harrogate College. Our sponsor provides leadership and operational support and advice to all our academies. They also share our vision of creating a truly outstanding Trust.

The Chief Executive Officer of the White Rose Academies Trust is Andrew Whitaker. Andrew joined The White Rose Academies Trust as Executive Principal on 1st September 2016, with a personal determination that all White Rose Academies will become world class providers of education to the communities that they serve by 2025.

In 2018, Andrew, was awarded a prestigious **Churchill Fellowship**. Andrew's previous work includes leading the transformation of **Todmorden High School**.

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