

**PRESS RELEASE – JOINT STATEMENT**

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***Pictured above: John Winter, CEO WMAT, Lucy Wijsveld, Headteacher at Clifton Hill School and Students.***

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Weydon Multi Academy Trust and Clifton Hill School are delighted to announce that Clifton Hill School will join the Trust with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2024.

Clifton Hill School, a special school for children and young people aged 11-19 with severe and profound multiple learning difficulties will be joining Weydon, Farnham Heath End, Woolmer Hill, Frogmore College and Rodborough (secondary schools), Crondall Primary School together with the special schools The Ridgeway, The Abbey, The Park School and Beacon Hill School who all form part of the Weydon Multi Academy Trust.



As highly regarded educational providers we are excited about the increased opportunities that will result from this development, both for staff and students.

John Winter, CEO of WMAT said “Clifton Hill School joining us will build capacity and resources for all in the Trust. There is an ongoing need for schools to work together to provide excellent educational opportunities for all, embracing new technologies and building world class sports and creative arts facilities. By coming together, we can create specialists in every element of school life. We have worked closely with Clifton Hill School over the last twelve months, and I am confident this development will be a huge success both for students and staff across our family of schools.”

Leadership and staff at Clifton Hill School are committed to supporting students throughout their time at the school to grow and develop into happy, confident and ambitious adults. The Trust is looking forward to supporting the leadership of the school to improve further on these foundations to create alignment with WMAT expectations, raising student attainment and aspirations.

Lucy Wijsveld, Headteacher at Clifton Hill School said “We are excited about joining WMAT because we believe through collaboration with new colleagues across the Trust, we can create even more opportunities to provide high quality education for our students with an emphasis on developing communication skills and community-based learning. We are particularly keen to share expertise with colleagues in the other SEN schools in the Trust family”.

Further information about the Weydon Multi Academy Trust and Clifton Hill School can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.weydonmat.co.uk/>

<https://clifton-hill.surrey.sch.uk/>

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