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Dear parents/carers

As you are aware, at the start of this academic year, the Full Governing Board met to review the IWEF/HISP Consultation report. At that meeting, the Governing Board voted to take the next step in the process of formally joining HISP. This meant that an expression of interest was submitted to the Regional Schools Director before the end of September 2022. The application was presented at the April 2023 Advisory Board.

I am writing to you, to update you that the Advisory Board approved the application for Carisbrooke College and Medina College (inc The Island VI Form) to convert to academy status and join HISP MAT. We have received the academy order for each school issued from the Regional Director's office.

We do not yet have a confirmed date for us to join, but we anticipate this will be in the Autumn term of 2023.

We are very pleased that our applications were approved as this move is a very exciting opportunity which will benefit our students and staff by increasing opportunities and enabling collaborative working and sharing of best practice, both ways. HISP MAT have been very clear that they are supportive of moving forward together.

We do not expect to see any immediate changes, the benefits are significant but will be long term.

As soon as I have a confirmed date of joining, then I will update you again.

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