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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you to explain a change in the organisation of Carisbrooke College and Medina College (which includes The Island VI Form).

Summary

In short, the decision has been taken to de-federate (separate) Carisbrooke College and Medina College and to run them more independently of each other. In September 2024, there will still be an Executive Headteacher overseeing a Head of School Carisbrooke College and a Head of School at Medina College (inc The Island VI Form), but there will be two separate leadership teams for each school. The Isle of Wight Education Federation brand will be phased out. By September 2025 the schools will have their own Headteachers and there will not be an Executive Headteacher over the two schools.

The detail

With the hard federation staffing model and shared policies and procedures, the schools have improved over the last six years in many areas. There are strengths in the running of the schools and the collaborative working practices which were not there in 2018. The Island VI Form has been successful in the past six years with two positive Ofsted Good judgements.

However, although we acknowledge that it has been a turbulent few years, when taking into account the global pandemic period, the outcomes of the students have not improved enough and the overall judgements by Ofsted have not yet improved to 'Good'.

Therefore, we needed to review our joint federative model and consider whether the current structures in place are now not the most effective for the students' progress.

Parents will initially experience very little operational change. This proposal is driven by improving progress and outcomes for students. Staff allocated to each site will be well communicated to and any concerns can be discussed and addressed.

Our plan to join HISP MAT is still progressing and the proposed joining date is during the summer term. The decision to de-federate the schools is not related to this process.

I will keep you updated as and when I have additional news.



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