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Students and Parents of The Sholing Technology College (TSTC)

I write to update you on exciting developments on the future of TSTC.

I am today delighted to confirm that the school will become an academy and join Oasis. Current proposals are for the conversion to take place this summer in time for the start of autumn term.

This decision is an important one. Oasis have been in close contact with TSTC, the Department for Education, and Southampton City Council for a number of months, and at Oasis we have conducted a thorough due diligence process. We believe that this is the right decision for the students and staff of TSTC and for Oasis.

Oasis been serving families in Southampton since September 2008 at our secondary schools Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and Oasis Academy Mayfield, both judged 'Good' in all categories by Ofsted in 2016. We are excited about TSTC and the two other academies forming closer ties so that all of our students in the city can enjoy the benefits of our teachers and staff sharing best practice and resources. Joining Oasis will also provide many new opportunities for both the staff and young people of TSTC.

Oasis has a vision to provide exceptional education at the heart of the community, providing schools where each child has the opportunities that they need to make great progress. Please rest assured that Oasis has the experience and capacity to continue TSTC's drive forward, swiftly making it into the 'Good' and then 'Outstanding' school that the students deserve.

Over the next few months, we will be engaging further with you and the wider TSTC community about the changes that you would like to see at the school, and how we propose to deliver rapid improvement. I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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