

Monday 3 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to announce that on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, Cambrian Learning Trust and Vale Academy Trust officially merged.

Cambrian Learning Trust (formerly Faringdon Learning Trust) and The Vale Academy Trust have now merged, creating a Trust consisting of four secondary schools and 15 primary schools in the South Oxfordshire area. A number of 'Alliance Schools' have also been working with Cambrian Learning Trust for some time.

The schools that make up the new Cambrian Learning Trust are:

Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp Church of England Primary School  
Buckland Church of England Primary School  
Charlton Primary School  
Faringdon Community College  
Folly View Primary School  
John Blandy Primary School  
King Alfred's Academy  
Larkmead School  
Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School  
Millbrook Primary School  
Shrivenham Church of England Primary School  
St James Church of England Primary School  
St John's Church of England Academy  
St Nicholas Church of England Primary School  
Thameside Primary School  
The Elms Primary School  
Wantage Church of England Primary School  
Watchfield Primary School

The Trust has emerged from a merger of equals and has a simple but powerful vision: To be a Beacon of Excellence, guided by four core values – Unity, Integrity, Kindness, and Ambition.

It is a privilege to be leading this new Trust. I am delighted that we have been able to bring all our schools together. It is such a positive step and brings excitement for the future of these schools. Whilst there will be no immediate significant changes in our schools, there are many benefits from this merger. They will have the advantage of working with many other schools to collaborate and share expertise.

For the pupils, there will be many opportunities, ranging from a vast array of enrichment activities to greater funding for their school's site and improvements to their surroundings.

As a larger Trust, the merger brings about increased capacity within the central team to support schools both educationally and operationally. Efficiencies in budgeting will also enable more teachers and staff to be employed, bringing even greater support for the children and young people in our care.

Please find out more about Cambrian Learning Trust at  
<https://cambrianlearningtrust.org/>

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Evans'.

**Richard Evans CEO**

**Cambrian Learning Trust**

