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Dear Students,

We are pleased to share with you an important update regarding Wood Green Academy. As a school, we have a strong reputation for working collaboratively with other schools, both locally and nationally. Through these partnerships, we have developed a close relationship with STEP Academy Trust, a successful group of schools that work together to provide the best possible education and opportunities for young people.

Last year (Spring 2025), the school carried out a consultation about joining STEP Academy Trust. We received a very positive response from students, parents, carers, staff and governors, with many people recognising the benefits that being part of a larger partnership of schools could bring. Since then, however, many new students have joined Wood Green Academy, and we believe it is important that everyone currently attending the school has the opportunity to learn more about the proposal and share their views. Please see an introduction to STEP video here that we filmed in 2025 with some of our students: **Introduction to STEP video** (This is available on the QUICK LINKS part of the Student Hub too.)

The Governing Body has continued to explore the opportunity carefully and remains confident that joining STEP Academy Trust would help support the future success of our school while allowing us to continue developing opportunities for students. Before any final decision is taken, we would like to hear from you.

To gather your views and address any questions, we have created a feedback form, which can be accessed here: **Wood Green Academy proposal to join STEP - Listening Period Response Form 2026 – Fill in form**

The form will close at **12pm on Friday, 23rd October 2026.**

While we encourage all students to share their views, we understand that some students may not have any specific questions or concerns. In such cases, a nil response will be considered as broadly supportive of the proposal.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important matter and for helping shape the future of Wood Green Academy.

Many thanks,

Mr J Topham
Headteacher

Frequently Asked Questions

What is STEP Academy Trust?
STEP (Striving Together for Excellence in Partnership) Academy Trust is a multi-academy trust that supports schools to achieve high standards of education through collaboration and shared expertise.

Why has the Governing Body decided to join STEP Academy Trust?
The decision was made to provide our school with greater opportunities to collaborate with other schools, access additional resources, and ensure long-term sustainability and growth.

What are the benefits of joining STEP Academy Trust?
Joining the Trust will allow us to:

- Access a wider network of educational expertise.
- Share resources and best practices with other schools.
- Enhance professional development opportunities for our staff.
- Strengthen leadership and governance support.

Will this change the day-to-day running of the school?
No significant changes to the daily operation of the school are expected. Students will continue to be taught by the same staff, and our school will retain its unique identity and ethos.

Will the school's name or uniform change?
There are no immediate plans to change the school's name or uniform. Our school logo will be updated to reflect that we are now part of the Trust.

Will there be any changes to the curriculum?
The curriculum will continue to meet the needs of our students and comply with national standards. Joining STEP Academy Trust will enhance our curriculum through shared resources and expertise.

How will this decision impact staff?
Staff would be employed by STEP and as a result they will be able to benefit from increased opportunities for training, development, and collaboration across the Trust

How will this decision be monitored?
The Trust's governance structure includes robust mechanisms to monitor and support the performance of all its schools. This will ensure that our school continues to thrive.

What happens next?
The transition to joining STEP Academy Trust will be carefully managed. The Governing Body will work closely with the Trust to ensure a smooth process, with regular updates provided to parents and carers.