



**Inspiring Futures
through Learning**

2 February 2026

Dear Colleagues,

Since IFtL's formation as a Multi Academy Trust in 2016, we have all worked collaboratively for the best interests of our students, colleagues and wider communities. I am so proud of the work we have done together and our achievements to date which could not be made without each of you.

I recently noted to you that over recent months, and further to several years of successful partnership working together in a number of areas including Initial Teacher Training, leadership development, primary and secondary expertise, the Trust Boards of Inspiring Futures through Learning (IFtL) and Chiltern Learning Trust (CLT) have been in discussion exploring a formal partnership between our two organisations. Both Trusts have a clear commitment to providing an exceptional education anchored in the heart of our local communities. We both value the unique qualities and strengths of all our schools. Collectively, our Boards believe that there is an opportunity to further enhance our work by bringing our Multi-Academy Trusts together in a formal partnership. This would see our Trusts working side by side to agree and deliver the priorities that will move us forward together.

This is an exciting time for our Trusts and schools and a fantastic opportunity for us to further strengthen our partnerships as a group of like-minded education providers by formalising the relationships between us. The Trusts are determined to deliver the very highest standard of education through collaboration and the sharing of best practice, underpinned by our shared ethos and values.

As promised, we would now like to engage with parents, carers, colleagues, governors and other stakeholders on this proposal. This letter provides you with information while also inviting you to let us know your views. The schools involved in this proposal include all schools currently within the Inspiring Futures through Learning and Chiltern Learning Trust portfolios, shown at the bottom of this letter.

The engagement period will run from **2 February 2026 – 9 March 2026** and is a valuable part of the decision-making process – I encourage you to share your views, comments and questions as does our Chair of Trustees:

"This engagement period is a vital opportunity for our community to help shape a future that we have already begun building together. Having collaborated closely on many areas, we feel that our two Trusts may be a natural fit for the future. Working alongside Chiltern Learning Trust, we remain committed to a culture of collaboration, innovation and continuous improvement as service to our communities. By fully combining our expertise and resources, we can ensure that every child and colleague benefits from a richer, more inclusive educational experience. We look forward to your feedback as we work to build a strong, sustainable future for all."

Marilyn Hubbard MBE, Chair of Trustees, Inspiring Futures through Learning



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Our trust websites are an ongoing central place for information, including Frequently Asked Questions:

- IFtL: <https://www.iftl.co.uk/about/engagement/>
- CLT: <http://chilternlt.greenhousecms.co.uk/Engagement>

In addition, to help colleagues develop knowledge and understanding of what is involved, we invite you to a session which will be an opportunity for you to ask questions:

- **Audience:** Colleagues and union representatives (from IFtL)
- **Date/Time:** Monday 23rd February 2026, 4:00 – 4:45 PM (online)
- **Registration:** Please use this link to register for the Online Virtual Meeting:

eventbrite/engagement-discussion-re-partnership-proposal-iftl-colleagues

If you are unable to attend but would like further information, you can contact us in the following ways:

- By email: engagement@iftl.co.uk
- By completing our online survey: [Engagement survey response](#)

Following the engagement period, a report on the findings will be published and made available to all stakeholders via our Trust websites.

I look forward to speaking with you soon and to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bennett, CEO

CLT Schools:	
Ardley Hill Academy	Aspley Guise Village School
Cedars Upper School	Challney High School for Boys
Challney High School for Girls	Chiltern Academy
Dallow Primary	Daubeney Academy



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Denbigh High School	Kempston Academy
Lancot School	Lark Rise Academy
Lea Manor High School	Linslade School
Marston Vale Middle School	Putteridge High School
Springfield Primary	Wootton Primary School.

IFtL Schools:	
Ashbrook School	Brooklands Farm Primary School
Chestnuts Primary School	Exeter – a learning community
Fairfields Primary School	Glebe Farm School
Heronshaw School	Heronsgate School
Heronshill School and Nursery	Holmwood School and Nursery
Lavendon School	New Chapter Primary School
Olney Infant School	Olney Middle School
Priors Hall – a learning community	Rickley Park Primary School
St Mary and St Giles CofE Primary	St Mary’s Wavendon CofE Primary
Two Mile Ash School	Whitehouse Primary School
Woodnewton – a learning community	