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To Whom It May Concern

Maltby Learning Trust – Admissions Arrangements Consultation 2027–2028

I am writing to notify you that Maltby Learning Trust (MLT) is consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for its Academies for entry in September 2027. The consultation period will run for six weeks, from 8 December 2025 until 23 January 2026, during which time parents/carers and other key stakeholders are invited to express their views on the proposals.

In accordance with the Department for Education's *School Admissions Code 2021*, Admission authorities must consult on their arrangements when changes are proposed and at least once every seven years. The Trust is therefore undertaking this consultation to meet its statutory duties and ensure our arrangements remain clear, objective and compliant.

Proposed Amendment to Admissions Arrangements (Reception Year Entry Only)

Following review, Maltby Learning Trust is proposing to introduce an additional oversubscription criterion to the admissions arrangements for Reception entry at all primary Academies within the Trust:

Proposed new oversubscription criterion

5. Children of staff employed by Maltby Learning Trust, where the member of staff:

- is employed on a permanent contract by Maltby Learning Trust on 15 January 2027, and
- has been employed in that permanent role for two or more years as of 15 January 2027.

This priority will apply to all permanent Trust staff (teaching, leadership, and associate professional roles) employed at any Maltby Learning Trust school or within the Central Trust team.

The full draft admissions arrangements under consultation can be found on each Academy website, under the admissions section.

Proposed Amendment to Admissions Arrangements (Year 7 Entry Only)

Following review, Maltby Learning Trust is proposing to introduce an additional oversubscription criterion to the admissions arrangements for Year 7 entry at all secondary Academies within the Trust:

Proposed new oversubscription criterion

6. Children of staff employed by Maltby Learning Trust, where the member of staff:

- is employed on a permanent contract by Maltby Learning Trust on 31 October 2026, and

- has been employed in that permanent role for two or more years as of 31 October 2026.

This priority will apply to all permanent Trust staff (teaching, leadership, and associate professional roles) employed at any Maltby Learning Trust school or within the Central Trust team.

The full draft admissions arrangements under consultation can be found on each Academy website, under the admissions section.

Position within the oversubscription order

This additional criterion will be placed above the 'Distance' criterion, meaning it will not disadvantage children attending associated catchment primary schools or those residing within the defined catchment area, who continue to receive higher priority.

Sixth Form Admissions (Year 12 Entry)

Maltby Learning Trust is not proposing any changes to the Sixth Form admission arrangements for Year 12 entry at Maltby Academy, Sir Thomas Wharton Academy and Wath Academy. Current arrangements, including entry requirements and oversubscription criteria, will remain unchanged and are detailed in the published draft admission documentation.

How to Take Part in the Consultation

We welcome feedback from all interested parties, including parents, carers, staff, Local Authorities, neighbouring schools, and members of the community.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admission arrangements, please email:

info@maltbylearningtrust.com

Please include:

- your name,
- your relationship to the Trust or school(s), and
- any comments or concerns related to the proposed arrangements.

Next Steps

At the end of the consultation period, all feedback will be reviewed and presented to the Maltby Learning Trust Board. Admission arrangements for 2027–2028 must be formally determined by 28 February 2026 and final arrangements will be published on all MLT Academy websites by 15 March 2026, in line with statutory requirements.

Thank you for taking the time to support this important consultation.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Sutton

Chief Executive Officer