



## PRESS RELEASE

### Rochester Diocesan Board of Education

This press release is issued jointly on behalf of Rochester Diocesan Board of Education and Thinking Schools Academy Trust and relates to the arrangements for Bishop of Rochester Academy.

On 1st April 2015, the sponsorship and governance of the Academy was transferred to Thinking Schools Academy Trust. The primary motivation for the transfer of responsibility was to find a new sponsor for the Academy to enable the Academy to build on the improvements made over the past 18 months and to secure the Academy's long term future as a school serving its local community.

As a consequence of the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education no longer having a governance role in the Academy, the Academy's formal designation as a Church of England school has been withdrawn.

The Diocese remains committed to the local community through its work with local churches, the surrounding parishes and its primary schools and supports the ambitions that TSAT has for the Academy and its pupils.

Parents, staff and students will be consulted on a new name for the Academy after half term with the intention that this formal change will be made on 1st September.

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