

A Warm Welcome to Thrive

Dear Parent or Carer,

I'm very pleased to let you know that from 1 September 2025, Lea Hall Academy has officially become part of Thrive Education Partnership, and will take on a new name, Kitts Green Academy.

We've been working closely with the school for some time, and you and your child may already have started to notice small changes in how things feel at school - a greater sense of structure, support and consistency. Now that the academy is formally part of Thrive, we'll continue that journey together, with long-term support and a clear plan for the future.

We recognise that this is a moment of change for the school, and we're grateful to Forward Education Trust for their work so far. As Lea Hall joins Thrive, we're focused on supporting a fresh chapter - one that builds on what's in place, while looking ahead with renewed energy and ambition.

Thrive is a group of schools that specialise in supporting children and young people with additional needs. Our focus is on care, stability and helping every pupil feel safe, included and ready to learn.

We're pleased to share that safeguarding at the school has recently been confirmed as effective during external monitoring visits - an important sign that the work underway with Thrive is already making a difference.

The staff at Lea Hall have worked incredibly hard over the past year to lay strong foundations, and we're proud to be building on that alongside them. We believe the school is heading in a positive direction, and we're committed to making sure that continues.

Day-to-day, the school will continue to be led by Stephen Garside, a familiar face and a valued member of the existing team. We know how important stability is for pupils and families, and we're confident the academy will continue to strengthen under their leadership.

Looking ahead, we're also exploring plans to extend the age range at the new Kitts Green Academy, so that pupils can stay beyond Year 9 and continue learning through to age 16. This won't happen immediately, but we're working on it - and we'll keep you updated as things progress.

We know that when families and schools work together, children do better - and we want you to feel involved in the journey ahead. There will be more opportunities to meet the leadership team, share your views, and help shape what comes next for the new Kitts Green Academy.

We believe the future for the school and its students is bright. Thank you for your ongoing support - we're proud to be working with you and your child as part of the Thrive family.

Warm regards,

Richard Chapman

Chief Executive Officer