

16 June 2022

Medway Local Authority Gun Wharf Dock Road Chatham MF4 4TR

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Thinking Schools Academy Trust in support of Medway Council's proposal for Holcombe Grammar School, Chatham Grammar School and Fort Pitt Grammar School to transition together from single sex schools to co-educational grammar schools.

Holcombe Grammar School has previously explored the opportunity of transitioning from a single sex Boys school with a mixed sixth form to an all co-educational selective school. The school and our Board fully support this development with the shared ambition of providing the opportunity for young people in this area to attend a mixed grammar school which they are currently not able to do. We are confident that this joint approach between the three schools will increase opportunities for young people and improve the quality of provision in the local area.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stuart Gardner

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Stuart Gardner Chief Executive Officer