

Questions and Answers

1. Who can be a member of the co-operative?

Anyone with an interest in Oakwood can be a member of the co-operative: parents, learners, staff and members of the community.

2. When would we become an Academy?

1st April is the anticipated opening date

3. Would the name have to change?

No, but, following earlier consultations, it has been decided that the school will be called **Oakwood Academy – an Arts, Technology and Sports College**

4. Does it cost any money to convert to an Academy?

Yes, but we will get a grant to cover the costs.

5. Do we have to support another school?

Yes, as an Academy we would have to work with other schools, just as we already do as a Co-operative Trust school.

6. Will the Admissions Policy change?

No, all young people who can come to Oakwood now will still be able to come in the future.

7. Who will be responsible for Oakwood High School / Academy?

It is the Governors who are ultimately responsible – just as they are now but they will have greater autonomy. They will be accountable to the members of the co-operative.

8. Will being an Academy raise standards?

Just becoming an academy does not automatically raise standards. The growing number of schools who have moved towards more co-operative ways of working “are reporting remarkable progress in achievement” Co-operative College 2010.

9. Will the school still be inspected?

Yes, OFSTED will continue to monitor the work of the school and our examination results will be published in the same way.

10. Will the staff remain the same?

Yes, all the staff will continue in their jobs. We will recognise all of the unions and terms and conditions will remain the same.