

The Governing Body of Range High School today opened a consultation on a proposal for the Formby school, categorised as outstanding at its last OFSTED inspection, to sponsor Maghull High School through the formation of an enlarged Academy Trust. This is an arrangement which enables high performing secondary schools to support other schools to secure rapid improvement. The arrangement strengthens Range High School's position as a Teaching School where the focus is on continually developing innovative classroom practice.

Range High Governors see the vision for both schools in the new Trust as promoting the "highest quality educational experience" for all pupils. The Governing Bodies of both schools believe that the sharp focus on teaching will benefit all pupils and the proposal will generate savings which can be used to support a better education for pupils and teachers' professional development.

Headteacher Davina Aspinall of Maghull High School commented, "Through this new arrangement pupils at Maghull High School will be taught using a variety of styles and we are confident this will lead to improved achievement." Headteacher Graham Aldridge of Range High School said, "This exciting new collaboration takes our Teaching School work one step further and will enable our staff to research and demonstrate innovative, high quality teaching, and to further engage our pupils. We are proud to have been asked to support education in Sefton in this way."