



Academy Questions Student Voice

How will it affect us?

Your day-to-day timings and school holidays will not change significantly nor will your curriculum as we will continue to follow national guidelines and Local Authority holiday timings. We do predict that being a Meller Educational Academy will bring us many more contacts so that we can provide you with better work experience, better clubs, better rewards and this combined with the work from The University of Hertfordshire will also mean you get better advice and guidance about progressing to higher education or to the world or work. We will also become part of The Meller Educational Trust family who have also successfully dramatically improved several schools in Hertfordshire.

Student leadership at Marriotts is one of our strengths and we will continue to put you at the heart of our decision making processes.

Will it affect our learning?

As I said we will continue to offer the national curriculum but with the expertise and experience that The Meller Educational Trust brings we may well be able to offer additional courses to wider the options to our students.

Meller schools are particularly strong in sport, performing arts and enterprise and we will no doubt learn from them how we can further improve in these areas.

In additional the Trust has dramatically improved exam results for students in their schools and we expect with their support to continue to drive up exam results here.

What will be the benefits?

As already stated the key benefits will include further experiences and opportunities and the ability to be part of the Meller Educational Trust and so to learn from the family of schools. The Trust is committed to ensure all young people regardless of background can achieve.

What new options will there be for me?

The new options that are put in place will depend on what you tell us you would like to study but will definitely include enhances opportunities the world of work.

Will the uniform change?

We will not be changing the uniform next year but like all schools we will continue to work with the school council and parents to review our school uniform.



Not sure what the difference will be!?

The key differences will be in a widening of opportunities and experiences for young people at Marriotts. Becoming and Academy is just one step on our journey to become the best school that we can for our students.

How and why will it benefit?

See the question above. The reasons why Academy status will benefit us are:

- 1. Because we will have more freedom to look at the contracts we have with the various services in the school to ensure they are effective and efficient to give us good value for money.**
- 2. We will have more freedom to be innovative in what we offer our students and so make sure we are teaching you the things that are right for you.**
- 3. The Meller Educational Trust also brings tried and tested methods for improving schools that we can learn from and great contacts to help us give you better opportunities.**