



**Holy Cross  
Multi-Academy Company**

**April 2019**

**NEWSLETTER**

## Meet the Shadow\* Board

As Directors our role is to oversee the catholic vision, leadership and performance of our schools whilst developing partnerships between them. We actively encourage the individuality within the schools and want to develop staff and systems to achieve outstanding education.

We are committed to ensuring that, by working in partnership, we offer a safe catholic learning experience for all our students, where they can learn and develop their God given talents so as to achieve their full potential.

To find out more about our Directors visit the Holy Cross MAC web site [www.hcmac.co.uk](http://www.hcmac.co.uk)

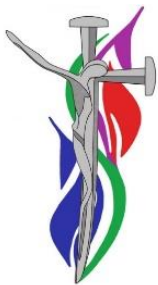


**John Teahan  
Foundation Director  
Chair of Holy Cross MAC  
Shadow Board**

\* The “Shadow Board” is an interim Board and the Directors all hold interim positions until academy conversion takes place and the Multi-Academy company is formed. Between now and September they will work in partnership with school governing bodies to ensure that Holy Cross MAC is set up effectively.



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## Our Shadow Board Directors

**Laurence Moore  
Foundation  
Director**



**Dal Youssef  
Co-opted  
Director**



**Katherine Marston  
Foundation  
Director**



**Tony Cawley  
Foundation  
Director**



**Keith Ainsworth  
Foundation  
Director**



**Robert Ridley  
Foundation  
Director**



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**Spotlight on schools**

The most important thing about Holy Cross MAC is the family of schools who are working together to deliver an excellent Catholic education.

As most people will only know one or two of our schools really well, we wanted to use this spotlight to introduce you to each of the Holy Cross schools, starting with Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School which is located in Leasowes Avenue, CV3 6BH and has approximately 1,000 students aged between 11 and 18.

**Bishop Ullathorne**

At Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, we recognise the uniqueness of each child and the need to build upon the firm family Catholic values established in the home and in our partner primary schools. Our mission as a Catholic school is to be an active Christian community of love and service where all feel they belong and are valued. We believe strongly that each child has a right to excellence and to be actively encouraged to be the person God wants them to be.

Working together, we enable our students to recognise and to have confidence in their own abilities. It is important to us to raise the aspirations of each of our students and provide them with the love and support to grow as the very special person that they are.



***Pupils are making strong progress across year groups and in different subjects***

Ofsted 2019

***The school is a harmonious, multicultural learning community***

Ofsted 2019

***Leaders at all levels have good capacity to improve the school further***

Ofsted 2019



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## Holy Cross Multi-Academy Company

We focus on rounded development: spiritually, morally, socially, physically and academically. Every member of our school community is valued and their sense of belonging is paramount. Whilst great emphasis is placed on each student's academic achievement, we also foster traditional values. Your child's sense of belonging at school contributes to our sense of community in a happy supportive atmosphere. Hard working, caring and sympathetic staff work in partnership with parents to ensure that your child's secondary school career is enjoyable and successful.



Our outstanding Catholic school has a long-standing record of high-quality education and academic excellence. Student achievement is a continued strength at both key stage 4 and key stage 5. All progress and attainment measures significantly exceed the national averages. Each member of our school community is highly valued.

We are guided daily through our own expectations, known as the Ullathorne Way. This calls us to be:

- Compassionate
- Faith-filled and Prophetic,
- Attentive,
- Eloquent,
- Curious and Wise
- Grateful

Only by extolling these virtues can we show the love of Christ in our daily actions and grow to be our true self.

***Your curriculum is underpinned by your Catholic values and encourages all pupils to engage in activities within and beyond the school***

**Ofsted 2019**

***There is a sense of compassion around the school and everyone is valued as part of the school family***

**Ofsted 2019**



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## News

### Department for Education

Our application to convert to academy status was submitted to the Department for Education on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. Once the DfE had completed their checks on the information, the application was considered by the Regional Headteacher Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and will be presented to them, for approval, by the DfE on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Following approval, Holy Cross MAC will receive an Academy Order allowing us to proceed with conversion for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

### Holy Cross MAC Catholic Senior Executive Leader

The new position of Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL) for Holy Cross MAC was advertised locally and nationally early in March and the Shadow Board are now working with Birmingham Diocese to recruit to this exciting new role.

The successful candidate will be a practising Catholic who is accountable to the MAC Board and will be responsible for *all* of our MAC schools.

### Next steps

- Recruitment to the Chief Operating Officer post.
- Following approval from the Regional Headteacher Board formal consultation with staff on the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)

