

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Trust

Trust Strategic Development Plan for 2023 to 2026

Vision

Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" *Pope Franci, Laudato si,65*

Vocation

As a family of schools, we will work together in faith and love to fulfil the Church's' mission

Values

- Faith everything we do is founded on Christ's teachings
- Excellence we strive to enable all to achieve more through education
- Service we aim to live simply so that others can simply live
- Inclusion we cherish everyone for who they are as the embodiment of God's love
- Leadership we encourage our young people to become active builders of a fraternal and peaceful world

Our Trust is central to delivering the Catholic mission of evangelisation. Our relationship with the Catholic Diocese of East Anglia is of fundamental importance, the manner and ways in which we work are in line with our Bishops desire for full academisation of the schools across the Diocese.

Purpose of the document

The Board of Directors is the key strategic decision-making body for the Trust and it is their role to set the overall strategic framework for the Multi-Academy Trust and to ensure all statutory duties are met. The Board is responsible for ensuring that there is a medium to long-term vision for its future and that there is a robust process in place for achieving this. This process must address the fundamental questions of where the organisation is now, where does it want to be in the future, and identify how it is going to get there. This Strategic Development Plan sets out the Trust's overall vision, our values and priorities for the year ahead. The outcomes contained within this Plan will be reviewed within the Directors meetings.

Founding Vision

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust will deliver outstanding educational, spiritual and moral outcomes for all children regardless of their faith or backgrounds within an ethos based on full inclusion, high expectations, innovation, outstanding teaching and learning, and a relentless focus on the needs and potential of every child.

Our vision is that every school within the Trust has a reputation for excellence in their local communities and beyond.

The fundamental importance of the vision is still as important today as it was when the Trust was established however, the underlying principle from Pope Francis' Laudato Si encapsulates the forward vision of "Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary".

Developing the person

Our curriculum, is designed to meet the needs of all the children in our schools and to prepare them for success in life, however and whatever that might mean to them as they grow and develop.

All learners in the Trust will have the opportunity to develop their talents to the full, in the recognition that they all have talents to offer and that although these talents are different, none is more important than another and all are needed in our ever changing world.

Catholic-rooted, child-centred

The Trust is a Catholic-based, child-centred Trust. We are founded on Catholic values which underpin every social, academic and pastoral relationship and the related behaviours which act as live witness to our Faith.

Inspired and supported by these values, we seek to develop the characteristics of effective learners in our children so that, whatever their future holds, they can approach this with character, confidence, resilience and a Christ-centred moral compass.

Priority 1. To enhance the distinctive Catholic nature of the Trust

Objective 1a: Our Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic church are at the heart of our ethos and underpin everything we do, guiding our decisions and the way we work, learn and grow together.

Embed the Trust mission statement, vision and values as lived out within all Trust schools and underpinning policies. Cultivate and enhance the Catholic life of our schools through further development of ethos focused opportunities that meet the needs of our schools and the wider communities they serve.

Objective 1b: Work on further alignment with the Diocese to ensure the Catholic mission of central to our Trust

To align key development documentation including monitoring of Catholic Life across the Trust and other schools within the Diocese

Objective 1c: We achieve high levels of success and achievement in RE, ensuring high quality of provision informs other areas of the curriculum allowing celebration of its unique place within our curriculum.

Liaise closely with the diocese to ensure effective implementation of the new Curriculum Directory and RE Curriculum. Staff are supported to fully understand and deliver new expectations and curriculum models through access to relevant training.

Objective 1d: Support all staff as educators within Catholic schools and we ensure sustainable leadership across the Trust.

Foster and monitor opportunities for growth and development for Catholic leaders across our community of schools and implement CPD for non- Catholic teachers Trust wide to secure an inclusive environment where staff are empowered to deliver their best.

Priority 2. To ensure every child and young person receives the very best education so that they are empowered to develop, learn and achieve.

Objective 2a: Ensure there is a culture of high ambition, achievement and inclusion aligned with sustainable continuous improvement across the schools.

Develop a core of school improvement opportunities. Broaden Trust expertise by working collaboratively with cross trust and external associate colleagues. Maximise and procure opportunities for cross trust and school collaborative models of school improvement.

Objective 2b: Trust will provide clear frameworks to help support and develop an inspiring, rich broad and balanced curriculum which is underpinned by evidence informed practice.

Develop a clearly defined and impactful strategy to maintain and improve the performance of Trust schools. Support the design and implementation of ambitious, well sequenced and knowledge rich curricula in all schools

Objective 2c: Champion the vulnerable and disadvantaged, reducing barriers to learning and focusing on reducing the gap between vulnerable pupils and others.

Develop a cross Trust SEND position to lead provision and further strengthen the culture of inclusion, supporting schools in delivering education that is high quality and inclusive

Objective 2d: Ensure robust evaluation procedures are in place and external scrutiny is welcomed to improve the outcomes.

Support a culture of continuous improvement in all schools through agreed Trust wide systems of self-evaluation, challenge, support and appropriate action.

Monitor outcomes for progress towards intended success criteria and agreed Key performance indicators

Peer to Peer and external reviews and evaluations are completed and evaluated outcomes feed into further areas of school improvement

Priority 3. To prioritise the development of all staff as a key resource for delivering the Trust vision.

Objective 3a: Prioritise the recruitment, development and retention of excellent staff in order to build capacity and implement a cohesive Trust – wide approach to high quality teaching and learning.

Robust and extensive CPD model developed annually which enables staff to build expertise through evidence based professional development

Objective 3b: Provide effective support for well-being and mental health of all pupils and adults within the organisation, including a commitment to ensuring children feel safe and valued and reducing unnecessary work load for staff

Develop clear staff charter aligned to values of the Trust and frame work for well being support.

Objective 3b: Trust infrastructure provides high quality and sustainable learning environments for all

Implement a clear and agreed estates strategy for improvements and developments.

Priority 4. To strengthen partnerships and engagement across our schools and communities.

Objective 4a: Establish, develop and further grow key strategic partnerships between schools, Diocese, education providers, education departments and communities.

Provide partnership development across the Trust with strategic partners and stakeholders working to develop the highest opportunities for collaboration and support for the benefit of our learners and communities.

Objective 4b: Though collaborative and strategic partnership developments our networks will have benefit and uphold commitment to the common good, nurturing a community of mutual development and support for all and will assist in improving the standards across our schools.

Continue to develop effective and positive networks/partnerships across our trust and schools. improve the level of engagement and links with other key stakeholders (for example St JTB and the Research School).

Priority 5. To achieve the Bishops directive for Trust growth.

Objective 5a: To ensure the Catholic mission and directive of Trust growth as set out by the Bishop of East Anglia is delivered.

To work in close alignment with the Diocese and Schools Service to ensure all remaining schools not yet within the Trust are fully onboard and within the Trust structure.

	values and Teachings of the Catholic Church are at e way we work, learn and grow together.	the heart of our ethos and a	t the heart of every	rthing we do, guiding
Embed the Trust	Action	Lead	Date	Resource
mission statement, vision and values as	 Directors Agenda to reflect updated Trust vision statement 	JMcC	December 2024 Autumn B	Board mtg
lived out within all Trust schools and underpinning policies.	 Cascade Trust prayer to all schools Vision statement cascaded to all Trust Heads RE shared training day timetable to allow time for vision launch 	24/9/24 FV/CC/PM/ secondary Chaplains/Primary RE leads/all primary teaching	6/1/24	Prayer Cards £450
	 Hold Trust Spirituality day 	staff FV including admin support	Easter 2025	Walsingham Shrine £600
	 Agree and disseminate Trust staff induction information Review current scheme of delegation and feedback to Diocese 	Exec group including admin support Exec group/DV/AS	Spring B 2025 Autumn 2025	OLOW induction information/checklist Staff induction Policy OLOW& schools websites Scheme of Delegation

Cultivate and enhance the	 Continue to work with the Diocese to promote and attract suitably skilled high 	FV/ RCDEA	Throughout 24/25	Diocesan and Trust/ school
Catholic life of our schools through	quality candidates to work with Trust schools		24/23	communications
further development of	Develop Trust specific People Strategy	Exec group, HR consultancy	Spring B 2025 Autumn A 2024	Consultancy Day Rate
ethos focused opportunities that meet the needs of our schools and the wider communities they serve	 Continue to ensure schools are outward facing and engage with wide range of national and international programs and initiatives in developing pupils engagement with parishes and wider community 	Exec group/All HRs, / Chaplaincy teams/ PD leads	ongoing	School/RE/PD and extracurricular development plans
Objective 1b:Work o	n further alignment with the Diocese to ensure the	Catholic mission of central	to our Trust	

To align key	Continue to embed national RED and	FV/IS/AS	Autumn A	CES documentation
development	Prayer & Liturgy document expectations in		ongoing	Prayer & Liturgy and
documentation	all schools			RE policies
including	 Work alongside Diocese to evaluate 	IS/MB	Throughout	Matrix
monitoring of	outcomes of pilot CES matrix (Monitoring		24/25	
Catholic Life across	Catholic life)	IS and Diocesan interim	Autumn A 2025	Meeting schedules,
the Trust and other	 Fully engage with Diocesan Secondary 	leads	ongoing	agendas and minutes
schools within the	Project RE thematic thread	IS/MB/RE leaders and	Throughout	
Diocese	Share best practice T/L outcomes across	school chaplains	24/25	
	 Trust secondaries Provide appropriate support and challenge to schools awaiting Sec 48 inspection to ensure all ambitious self- evaluation grades are achieved 	Exec group/ All HTS/ RE leads/Catholic life governors/ Diocesan & CSI support	Autumn A 2024 ongoing	OLOW RE network Diocesan leadership PD (including RE) Peer review networks and NoVs
=	ieve high levels of success and achievement in RE, e celebration of its unique place within our curriculun		ision informs other	areas of the

Liaise closely with the Diocese to ensure effective	 Continue to release identified staff to Diocesan Primary working Party 	CC/PM	Throughout 2024/25	Cross Trust/Diocesan implementation plan Working party agenda
implementation of the new Curriculum Directory and RE Curriculum.	 Facilitate 2nd year secondment to interim Diocesan Primary Advisor role and training and development of Trust CSI Deliver cross Trust/Diocesan RED implementation plan (Year 2) Share and moderate school CSEDs to identify excellent practice and disseminate key strengths more widely Create Trust specific prayer books (Primary/Secondary versions) to support expectations of national Liturgy 	Phoebe M/ school based CSI inspectors All HTS/RE leaders/ teachers Exec Group/RE leaders/ RE network/Chaplaincy Teams	Throughout 2024/25 Summer A 2024 and throughout 24/25 Autumn B 2024 ongoing	and minutes Allocated release time Day supply rate Heads/ RE leaders training sessions Planning time
	 documentation Individual prayer books are a daily feature of all schools' Catholic life 	All HTs/RE leaders/staff		Prayer books Production costs
	port all staff as educators within Catholic schools a		•	
Foster and monitor opportunities for growth and	 Support access to accredited, high quality national programmes of leadership development 	Exec group, All HTS	Throughout 2024/25	NPQ programme suite (joint CES/CoE delivery offer where
development for Catholic leaders across our	 Promote awareness and take up of DCCRS/ CCRS through remote learning offer 	CC/All HTS/CPD leaders	Throughout 2024/25	possible), MBIT,DCRS, online CCRS
community of schools and implement CPD for non- Catholic teachers Trust wide to secure an	 Appraisal cycle/regularly review meetings are used to identify individual staff aspirations/align where possible with Trust priorities and pathways to meet development needs 	Exec group/All HTs/line managers	Throughout 2024/25	(John Hope University), St Mary's University, Diocesan portal

inclusive	Central Trust and senior leaders continue	Exec group/All HTs /SLTs		Reports to Board
environment	to prioritise opportunities for staff at all			
where staff are	levels to access relevant high quality		Throughout	
empowered to	training		24/25	
deliver their best.	 CPD engagement and achievement is 	Exec group including		Trust newsletter
	regularly highlighted in Trust newsletter	admin support		
Priority 2. To ensu	are every child and young person receives th	e very best education so	that they are er	npowered to
develop, learn an	d achieve.			
•	there is a culture of high ambition, achievement ar	nd inclusion aligned with sus	tainable continuous	improvement across
the schools.		1		
Develop a core of	PRIMARY			OLOW School
school	 Evaluate and update annual Trust 	CC/JB/CaC	1/9/24	Improvement 24/25
improvement	improvement offer for primary schools to			offer
opportunities.	ensure it continues to be responsive to			PIL visit agenda/NoVs
Broaden Trust	individual school needs			Primary HT Teams
expertise by	 Deliver all universal and targeted school 	CC/All Primary HTs	1/9/24 ongoing	area
working	improvement activities		throughout year	Seconded 0.2 FTE T/L
collaboratively with	 Continue to develop collaborative 	CC/All HTs/senior leaders	Termly	Lead
cross trust and	professional network of external expertise	Exec group/All HTs		Associate day rate
external associate	• Develop Headteacher report template		5/9/24	HT & Exec summary
colleagues.	(Primary) to include executive summary			report to LGBs
	 Quality assure primary school 	CC/All primary HTs	By 25/9/24	Board reports and
	improvement plans (3 and 1 year) to			minutes
	ensure reflect Trust and schools vison and	CC/All primary HTs		OLOW template
	ambition building on recent Ofsted grades			SIPs
	• Set and secure higher predictions of pupil			School SEFS
	achievement in line with FFT benchmarks	CC/All primary HTs	Autumn A 2024	24/25 predications
	 Organise timetable of triad Primary peer 	CC/JB /all Primary	2024/25	overview
	reviews	HTS/SJtB	ongoing	FFT Peer review Notes
				of Visit

	SECONDARY			
Maximise and procure opportunities for cross trust and school collaborative	 Evaluate 23/24 feedback from network groups and adjust as needed to further increase curriculum impact and opportunities for subject leader development 	JB/CC/All HTs/Subject leaders	12.9.24	23/24 feedback and evaluation Network group handbook
models of school improvement.	 Contribute expert reviewers to cross Trust/ Diocesan secondary project areas of study: History, Maths & Computing Thematic groups: Heads of 6th Form, SENCos, Music for Collective Worship Share development plans and identify any 	FV/KP/AS All group participants	2024/25 ongoing	Release for SLs (termly) Working protocols
	 Share development plans tha identity any areas for collaborative practice Coordinate a joint strategy for excellence in secondary teaching and learning 	MB/IS MB/IS	November 2024 December 2024	School development plans Board reports Mtg time
				CEO visits
underpinned by evi	will provide clear frameworks to help support and de dence informed practice.	evelop an inspiring, rich br	oad and balanced cu	riculum which is
Develop a clearly	PRIMARY			
defined and	Co- construct a Trust wide model of	Exec group	Autumn B	
mpactful strategy to maintain and	effective teaching and learning as a basis of the model of continuous school	All HTS/working party	2024 ongoing	EEF guidance Evidence informed
improve the performance of Trust schools.	 improvement Align Primary T/L model with structures already in place in Trust Secondaries 	Exec group/All Heads/T&L leads	Spring A 2025 ongoing	pedagogy research

	 Build shared understanding of agreed model/language of teaching and learning in supporting ongoing development of quality first teaching –securing understanding of pedagogies underlying curriculum planning and delivery Ensure Trust and school led teaching and learning CPD consolidates and further develops wider agreed Trust approach to pedagogy Review teaching staff induction processes to ensure reflects shared Trust approaches to T/L SECONDARY Develop increasingly standardised approach to Governance reports (LGB and Board) Facilitate regular opportunities for peer engagement with outstanding secondary peer group 	CC/JB /All Heads/T&L network leads/ school curriculum leads Exec group , CPD leads Exec group MB/IS RH/Diocesan secondary group	Summer 2025 ongoing	Exec and HOG meetings, T& L networks TLS and Board mtg OLOW primary model document School CPD schedules OLOW T/L foundation documents OLOW Staff induction materials Board and LGB papers and minutes
Support the design and implementation of ambitious, well sequenced and knowledge rich curricula in all primary schools	 Review curriculum offers of on boarding primaries as part of educational diligence School improvement plans prioritise the need for ongoing review of curriculum domains Significant planned changes in curriculum models at local level are discussed with Trust/peer network 	All HTs All HTS/Exec Group/ CC/Secondary leads/ All HTs	Autumn 2024 ongoing Spring A 2024	School improvement plans /SEFs PIL visits/ HOG mtgs (internal) Primary heads mtgs/ HOG mtgs (internal)

Objective 2c: Champi pupils and others.	 Primary Assessment Working Party shared systems of formative assessment to support clearer ongoing adaptations ion the vulnerable and disadvantaged, reducing bar 	riers to learning and focusing	g on reducing the g	ap between vulnerable
Continue to develop cross Trust SEND lead role to further strengthen	 Trust SEND lead provides improved level of strategic oversight for Board monitoring Develop and disseminate Trust wide SEND offer 	CaCl CaCl/ School SENCOs		SEND exec reports to Board, OLOW SEND plan
the culture of inclusion, supporting schools in delivering education that is	 All school have agreed allocation of SEND lead time reflective of need and clearly understood prioritisation of resources All school SENCos are able to access high quality support and guidance on all 	Ca Cl/CC/ HTs/SENCOs CaCl/ School SENCOs	Autumn A 2024 ongoing	OLOW SEND offer Termly SEND network meetings agendas & minutes SENCo notes of visit
high quality and inclusive	 matters relating to SEND/disadvantage Trust SENCos and wider staff access relevant high quality training which supports them in delivering their individual school SEND action plan 	CaCl/ School SENCOs	Summer B 2025	£800
	 Plan and deliver OLOW SEND Conference 	CaCl//Exec group including Admin/Trust and other East of England SENCOs		
Objective 2d: Ensure	robust evaluation procedures are in place and exte	ernal scrutiny is welcomed to	improve the outco	mes.
Support a culture of continuous improvement in all	 Pupil premium / disadvantaged pupil review continues to be completed annually and outcomes acted upon and 	All HTS/SENCos/CC/Secondary lead	Throughout 23/24	Review template 0.5 days
schools through agreed Trust wide	reflected in statutory strategic planning			Visit schedule overview (Quality of

systems of self- evaluation, challenge, support and appropriate action	 Universal school improvement offer includes opportunities for all schools to access external quality assurance, specifically in relation to quality of education and safeguarding Pre- Ofsted inspection reviews completed in identified schools in inspection window 	CC/ secondary lead/All HTS/ contracted associates CC/Trust Contacted associates/ identified HTs	Throughout 23/24 17-18 /10/24	Education, SEND. Safeguarding) 2 day review £
Evaluated outcomes of internal external systems of review feed into further areas of Trust and school improvement	 Agree an overview of planned peer to peer challenge and support opportunities using a triad model and linked to agreed school improvement priorities Engagement with Diocesan secondary schools programme Quality of education reviews are completed in all schools with Ofsted inspections scheduled for 24/25 	All HTs/ identified school senior leaders CC/ Secondary leaders/ All HTs	ongoing throughout 24/25	Review documentation 1 x associate day £ Agendas Executive summary reports
Objective 3a: Prioriti	ritise the development of all staff as a key re ise the recruitment, development and retention of e ch to high quality teaching and learning.			· ·
Robust and extensive CPD model developed annually which enables staff to	 Cascade breadth of range of potential CPD entitlement within Trust staff charter Ensure all staff appraisal supports identification and access to relevant professional development 	CC/All HTS/ school CPD leaders Exec group/All HTs	Autumn B 2025 onwards Appraisal/review points 24/25	OLOW Staff Charter EEF CPD materials

build expertise	Compile live CPD resources of relevant,	Exec group, including	Spring A	Blue Sky software
through evidence based professional development	high quality training routes and providers	Admin support	onwards	and appraisal records Database
•	 e effective support for wellbeing, mental health and ent to ensuring children and young people feel saf OLOW staff charter is used as working 	• • • • •		•
and training to support their own and others	 document to promote awareness of staff well-being Keep staff wellbeing under review as 	Exec group/All HTS	Autumn B 2024 ongoing Spring B 2025	Trust Charter DfE wellbeing
wellbeing (including pupils)	standing item in all Trust/LGB/SLT/staff meeting agendas	Staff group reps		resources Trust survey (adapted
	 All Trust Staff access annual wellbeing survey Evaluated outcomes are used to inform future strategic wellbeing actions 	Exec group/All HTs Exec group, including admin support /All HTS	Summer A 2025 ongoing Throughout 24/25	DfE version to include Catholic ethos focus)
	 Employees Assistance resources are regularly refreshed and visible in all schools 	All HTs	Autumn 2024	Health Assured
	 Enhance capacity of mental health support school leads through centrally funded training Engage with Thrive accredited Level 4 apprenticeship programme 	Identified teaching and pastoral support staff/SENCos	Autumn B 2024 Spring 2025 cohorts	DfE accredited training DfE funded training Thrive Apprenticeship fund
Ensure robust safeguarding systems and processes beyond	 DSLs prioritise attendance at Trust network meetings and complete all agreed identified actions 	All DSLs All DSLs/CC	Termly throughput 24/25	DSL network meeting agendas and action notes Report template

compliance are securely in place and safeguarding culture prioritises children and young people's welfare	 Agreed Trust safeguarding report is presented to LGBS & Board Calendar of internal and external safeguarding key actions and quality assurance activities (including training) is agreed and actioned 	Exec group/All HTS/ all DSLs	Autumn B 2025 onwards Spring A 2025onwards	OLOW safeguarding calendar
Objective 3c: Trust in	frastructure provides high quality and sustainable	learning environments for al	I	
Implementing a clear and agreed estates strategy for	 The delivery plan outlined in the Trust Estates strategy is understood and implemented 	RS/RD/ all HTS and all HTS	Throughout 2024/24	Estates strategy SCA funding allocation Identified research
improvements and developments	 Introduce a Trust wide CAFM (Computer Aided Facilities Management) system to enhance efficiency and visibility of estates compliance and activities Review Trust IT Strategy including 	RS/identified school leads	Phased throughout 24/25 (St Alban's HS by end Autumn 2024)	resources Identified CAMF software
	infrastructure arrangements to better support Teaching and Learning.	RS/Exec group	Autumn B 2024/Spring A 2025	Strategy document
Outcome 4. To str	engthen partnerships and engagement acro	oss our schools and comm		
Objective 4a: Establis departments and cor	sh, develop and further grow key strategic partners nmunities.	hips between schools, Dioce	se, education prov	iders, education
Provide partnership development across the Trust	 Support development of cross diocesan and trusts working practice as exemplified through secondary project – to expand further in line with key partners. 	FV/Diocese	Throughout 2024/25 Spring 2024	Additional capacity from StJtB – Daily rate.

with strategic partners and stakeholders	 Review of best practice for clergy within our schools – closely aligned with developing network of chaplains 	Exec/school chaplaincy teams/RE leaders	Throughout	Mtg time
working to develop the highest opportunities for	 Regular meetings with StJtB/Diocese to foster improved recruitment, development and procurement across the 	FV/AS/StJtB/Bishop	24/25	Mtg time
collaboration and support for the benefit of our	 sector Clear and regular communications with the Regional Director for school/trust 	FV	Throughout 24/25	Mtg time
learners and	growth		Throughout	
communities.	 Continue to be outward facing and seek/secure opportunities to improve 	Exec Group	24/25	Application/bid writing capacity
	Trust offer (e.g. wrap around funding, nursery provision, alternative provision)			
	ieve the Bishops directive for Trust growth		f Fast Anglia is d	aliyarad
	ieve the Bishops directive for Trust growth re the Catholic mission and directive of Trust grow		f East Anglia is d	elivered.
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	 Clear and supportive engagement with schools yet to join which must be supported by the Diocese to enable full academisation of schools Positive relations with external agencies to 	wth as set out by the Bishop o FV/AS/Directors/individual School Heads/LGBs		Mtgs Identified professional agencies

	Following application to academise	