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Principal: Maureen Strudwick MA

Dear Parent

I wrote to you recently about the Thomas Clarkson Community College Governing Body determining to explore the benefits to those children served by the college of pursuing Academy Status.

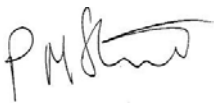
After further rigorous exploration the Governing Body determined to request the Secretary of State's support to grant an Academy Order and, having considered a number of potential sponsors, have recommended that the Brooke Weston Partnership be approved as the sponsor. Clearly that approval has to be given but the Governing Body were keen for me to highlight that Thomas Clarkson Community College will:

- i. Remain a State school
- ii. Benefit from the tremendous experience in school improvement and achievement of the Brooke Weston Partnership
- iii. Engage in further discussion on the proposal with parents, staff and students once the Secretary of State has determined his view
- iv. Retain a Governing Body and a strong commitment to the local community.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Brooke Weston Partnership the website is [www.brookewestonpartnership.org](http://www.brookewestonpartnership.org)

We are excited by the potential positive impact of the Academy of the Thomas Clarkson Community College educational experience.

Yours sincerely



Peter Stewart  
Chair of Governors