

### **About BDAT**

ACADEMY NAME is an Academy within Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust. If you are successful in being appointed, the Trust will be your employer.

### **General Information and Background**

Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT) is a Multi- Academy Trust (MAT) supporting a number of primary and secondary academies in Bradford. BDAT is the only Church of England MAT operating in Bradford, as part of the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

BDAT is a charity, governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for, and oversee, the management of the company. The Memorandum and Articles are available on the Trust's website at [www.bdat-academies.org](http://www.bdat-academies.org).

### **Our mission statement**

"The Trust's mission is to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice." We believe every child only has one chance at a good education.

In practice, as a Trust, we seek to work with and alongside the academies in our Trust to provide a good quality of education to all children in our academies. The Trust does this through operating a light touch support role for academies at times of challenge and by establishing collaborative structures and processes to enable our academies to work together and share good practices. As our family of academies continues to grow, we are constantly looking at how we can continue to improve to establish effective and efficient ways of partnership working.

### **Our growth**

As of Spring 2016, the Trust has Academy orders to support eight academies, Church and non-Church academies across Bradford. This includes three secondary academies (Immanuel College, Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College and Bradford Forster Academy) and five primary academies (St Oswalds, Christ Church, St Philips, Oxenhope and Westminster). We envisage we will continue to grow at a sustainable pace over the next few years in line with the Government agenda that all schools will become academies by 2022.

### **Our Christian ethos**

BDAT is a proudly Christian organisation committed to providing high-quality education for all within an ethos which encourages academic, vocational, mental, physical, and spiritual opportunities and development for each member of its academies. Whilst robust Christian principles underpin the work of the Academy, everyone is encouraged to explore their own spirituality and to recognise and understand that of others. It is for this reason that we choose to support and sponsor Non-Church of England Academies, as well as those within the faith.