

## Paradigm Trust to become new sponsor for Ipswich Academy

**Ipswich, 23 March 2015:**

Paradigm Trust is pleased to announce that Ipswich Academy will be transferred into its control, effective from 1st September 2015, after the school was placed in special measures in January 2015.

Amanda Phillips, Executive Principal of Paradigm Trust said, "Paradigm Trust aims to lead by example – to exemplify excellent educational practice. As one of our schools, Ipswich Academy will provide each student with the outstanding education that they deserve.

"Paradigm Trust has successfully delivered significant school improvement on three separate occasions in institutions that were in special measures. The fundamental key characteristics are about a relentless focus on the quality of the teaching, day in and day out and leadership and management. We have a strong track record of high levels of performance in all these areas, we have significantly raised standards in our existing schools, and we believe that we are more than capable of delivering similar results in our new school.

"We understand that change is unsettling for everyone, and that parents and carers will have questions for us. We will seek to reassure them every step of the way, and believe any changes will have a positive impact on students at the school."

### ***Media enquiries***

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### ***Notes to Editors***

Paradigm Trust is a Multi Academy Trust, formed in September 2013, when the two founding schools, Old Ford Primary Academy (OFPA) and Culloden Primary Academy (CPA), converted to Academy status. In September 2014, Solebay Primary Academy (previously called CET Primary School Tower Hamlets) transferred to the Paradigm Trust.

Our Executive Principal is Amanda Phillips. She is a very experienced leader and is renowned for her tireless work to raise the achievement of pupils and students, often in the most challenging of circumstances. Her work as a National Leader for Education brings her into contact with a range of educational settings and organisations across the country. Her dedication, focus and success have resulted in securing a glowing reputation for OFPA and CPA, both nationally and internationally, and in her receiving a CBE in the New Year 2015 Honours' List for services to education.