

## **STEM GROWTH FOR DISCOVERY MAT – A FIRST FOR PLYMOUTH!**

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Discovery Multi Academy Trust are proud to announce they are to become a Trust specialising in Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) education as part of their vision to be one of the South West's most vibrant collaborative educational establishments. The move is part of a vision by the Trust to see that every child is able to learn in a rich, challenging, imaginative and inclusive environment, and STEM will make this a reality.

CEO of Discovery Multi Academy Trust, Alison Nettleship, commented: "We are excited about the opportunities that STEM will provide for our children, their families and the community. We take our responsibilities for supporting the future workforce needs of Plymouth seriously and STEM is a key priority for the Government. There will be opportunities to work with experts of their field in many disciplines, enhancing teaching and learning as well as providing the opportunity to work closely with our partners, City College Plymouth and Babcock. Our children are already reaping the benefits of this collaboration and as our facilities grow and develop, we look forward to sharing this with other potential partners."

A spokesperson from Plymouth City College added: "City College Plymouth is very excited to be working with Discovery Multi Academy Trust in developing and enriching STEM curriculum and experiences. Through engagement with teachers, pupils, parents and the wider community, we are hoping to broaden the STEM opportunities available as well as providing professional development for staff. "

Each academy will be developing their STEM ambassadors and the College is keen to support their development as well as the STEM laboratories that the Trust is building in each of the three academies. "City College already has an established working relationship with one of the academies, which has led to developing exciting and enriching opportunities in the past, including the development of the academy's curriculum and STEM Centre visits to the College's STEM Centre for all pupils. We look forward to developing this further with the other academies within the Trust."

Chris Tomkins, Director of Devonport Operations at Babcock said: "Babcock is delighted to support the newly founded Discovery Multi Academy Trust through our inspiring STEM Ambassadors and role models who will work with teachers and students to deliver fun, hands-on STEM interactive activities".

Discovery Multi Academy Trust was set up in September 2016 with the amalgamation of Oakwood Primary Academy, Beechwood Primary Academy and Weston Mill Community Primary Academy.

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