



Academy Update

for parents and carers

Friday 10th February 2017

STEM PARTNERSHIP FOR DISCOVERY MAT

We are excited to announce that Discovery Multi Academy Trust is to become a specialist in STEM education. Our three primary academies will be working in collaboration with Babcock and Plymouth City College to become leading academies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This is a great opportunity to provide enriched educational experiences for our children, as well as young people across the city. Learning establishments will work together to improve standards and outcomes for children, as part of a wider community.

Children will develop work place skills to extend their education beyond school, seeing that STEM is relevant in their daily lives. It will broaden their insight to opportunities available to them, raising aspirations.

One of our partners, Plymouth City College has released the following statement:

"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. 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 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." Discovery Multi Academy Trust will be supporting students at the College by providing placement opportunities.

Babcock will be Discovery Multi Academy Trust's other key supporting partner. They will be looking to develop our staff, as well as aiming to deliver a variety of brilliant opportunities for children of primary and secondary school age. They will also be supporting the MAT in providing STEM-related activities for parents and carers.

Each academy will be developing their STEM ambassadors and Babcock and City College are keen to support their development, as well as lending their expertise in the building of proposed STEM laboratories in each of the three academies.

After the half term holiday, our children will begin to work with our partners as an introduction to STEM whilst we plan its development in more detail. There will be opportunities for the community and parents to share in this and to develop their own learning of STEM. We hope to involve other schools and academies across the city and beyond and will welcome further partners in joining us.

We look forward to bringing you news of further developments over the next term. Enjoy the half term break!

PARENT & CARER PARLIAMENT

We are pleased to be launching Discovery MAT Parent Parliaments after half term. Each of our academies will have their own separate Parent & Carer Parliament. This will be a regular an opportunity for parents and carers to share their views, suggestions and ideas with Alison, Chief Executive Officer. We plan to have a meeting during the school day, as well as a meeting after school. Please look out in your newsletter for the meeting dates!

TWITTER

Discovery MAT is now on Twitter! Please follow [@discoverymat](https://twitter.com/discoverymat) for the latest updates from each of our academies, STEM news, and other MAT developments. There is also a live link to our Twitter feed on the Discovery MAT website— www.discoverymat.co.uk

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be out next term, date to be confirmed.