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St. Edmund's School and St. Hilary's School announce merger

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We are delighted to announce today the merger between St. Edmund's School in Hindhead and St. Hilary's School in Godalming with a target completion date at the end of November 2024.

This announcement follows over a year of joint work by the Governors and Headteachers of both schools to examine the opportunities a partnership will provide for all parties, and to consider and confirm the alignment of the child-centred ethos and vision of the two schools.

Under the arrangements of the merger, St Hilary's will merge into the existing St. Edmund's School Trust. For many years the two schools have enjoyed a very positive informal relationship, with St. Hilary's pupils regularly progressing to St Edmund's at Year 7. This partnership creates a combined foundation within which St. Edmund's and St. Hilary's will operate, preserving the unique identity of each school.

Dr Adam Walliker, Headmaster St Edmund's School

"We're very much looking forward to maintaining the distinct community spirit that has always defined St. Edmund's while also embracing new opportunities for collaboration and resource-sharing with St. Hilary's that will benefit our pupils, parents, and staff."

Mrs Whittingham, Headteacher of St. Hilary's School

"This is a very exciting new chapter for St. Hilary's – a merger that brings together over 250 years of educational excellence built on a shared philosophy of child centred learning, respect and kindness. St. Hilary's will continue to provide an excellent all round education preparing pupils for life at senior school and beyond."

The merger between St. Edmund's and St. Hilary's will provide educational benefits through shared expertise and expanded opportunities, financial advantages with greater cost efficiencies and improved facilities, and continued stability with separate leadership, while preserving each school's identity and traditions.

We're looking forward to beginning this exciting new journey, confident that this partnership will cement our vision of "Education for a Lifetime". We thank our families for their continued support and trust in St. Edmund's and St. Hilary's.