



## News Release

### **The Projects Partnership to set up new Nottingham Academy**

The Projects Partnership has been appointed as legal advisor to Greenwood Dale School, the Sponsor of the new Nottingham East Academy. Following the Secretary of State for Education's announcement in July 2007 that successful and high-performing schools could sponsor their own academy, Greenwood Dale is one of the first two schools in the country to take advantage of this opportunity.

As well as having a Sponsor, the new Academy will have a "business supporter": Experian, the global information services company, which is Nottingham's second largest private employer. Experian will be providing £500,000 funding to the project.

The Projects Partnership will be providing legal advice and support on incorporating the Academy Trust as well as negotiating the final forms of the various contractual documents, such as the Deed of Gift, Funding Agreement and the Development Agreement. We will also advise on the transfer of assets from the old school to the new one, as well as employment law issues. The new Academy is expected to provide 1,650 11-16 places and 450 post-16 places, and will be the largest Academy to be established in the country to date.

Matthew Wolton, Director leading The Projects Partnership team commented, "We are very pleased to be working with Greenwood Dale School, the Department for Children, Schools and Families and Experian in setting up this ground-breaking Academy. Greenwood Dale is one of the highest performing schools in the country and we look forward to helping the new Academy offer this quality of teaching to a wider audience."

"Education is one of our core markets and securing this appointment is another example of our involvement at the cutting-edge of new and innovative forms of partnership in the education sector. We look forward to working closely with all the stakeholders to ensure a successful outcome for young learners in Nottingham."

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