

Welcome news for sixth form colleges looking to academise

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The Government has accepted calls from sixth form colleges to reopen the option to become academies. This option was available from November 2015 when the then Chancellor George Osborne announced a change of policy. However the opportunity was linked to the Area Based Reviews and in effect ceased in March of this year.

This announcement has been accompanied by [new guidance](#) which confirms that colleges looking to convert must either create or join a Multi-Academy Trust and it also confirms that the Conversion Support Grant of £25,000 will be available. Colleges contemplating converting should consider the pros and cons of moving into the academy world but this time around they will have the time to make a fully informed decision.

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