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Impetus-PEF announces support of Dixons Academies Charitable Trust Ltd

4th January 2016: Today, Impetus-PEF announced it will provide Dixons Academies with strategic and operational support as well as £100,000 of funding over the next twelve months.

Dixons Academies is a Multi Academy Trust of eight schools in Bradford, made up of four secondaries, three primaries and one all-through school. These include sponsored turnaround academies and start up free schools, built around the high-performing Dixons City Academy.

Impetus-PEF is a charity which brings strategic resources and funding to high-potential charities and social enterprises working to improve the educational and employment outcomes of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. It currently works with over 20 charities in the UK.

Julia Grant, Chief Executive of Impetus-PEF, commented: "37% of pupils in Bradford are from low income backgrounds, and, over the last three years, only around a third of these pupils got the critical 5 A*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths), which are key for them to be able to progress into further education, training or employment. Dixons schools focus on improving the achievement of their students and we are delighted to be supporting their leadership team to further develop the Dixons Academies approach to opening, running and turning around schools."

Nick Weller, Dixons Academies' Chief Executive, said: "I am very excited to be working with Impetus-PEF. The Trust has grown from two to eight academies over the last three years and we are keen to build on our experience to make the most of a group of highly committed schools working together to improve educational outcomes for our students."

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