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The Sutton Academy consultation period regarding the closure of the Sixth Form provision

The Governing body of The Sutton Academy is to commence a formal consultation period for the proposed closure of its Sixth Form provision. For a number of years, the academy has subsidised the funding of the Sixth Form in the hope that as the academy became oversubscribed, and that the Sixth Form student numbers would also increase. Unfortunately, this has not been the case and due to increasing demands on funding to schools, financially the Sixth Form has now become unsustainable.

The current Year 12 cohort would be the final cohort admitted into the Sixth Form provision. Students who are already on roll in the Sixth Form will be unaffected and will continue to get the same high-quality education until the Sixth Form closes in August 2027.

For students in Years 7-11 at the academy, St. Helens is in the fortunate position to have access to several quality college and post-16 offers. Each year, our students are given the opportunity to hear from the colleges on offer and this would continue to ensure students have educational establishments to go move on to after completing their GCSE qualifications.

The formal consultation period gives all stakeholders, including parents/carers, staff, students, other schools/colleges and local authorities in the surrounding area an opportunity to share feedback on the proposed plans.

Further details on the consultation can be found on the academy website or by following this [LINK](#).

Stakeholders are invited to register their feedback by emailing consultation@thesuttonacademy.org.uk

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours faithfully



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