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The Nicholas Hamond Academy

Sixth Form Consultation

1st March to 11 April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and All Community Stakeholders of The Nicholas Hamond Academy,

I am writing to you to inform you about a consultation that we are launching into temporarily closing our Sixth Form provision at The Nicholas Hamond Academy.

Consultation on a proposal to temporarily close the sixth form at The Nicholas Hamond Academy

Why we are proposing to temporarily close our sixth form:

The numbers of students studying in the sixth form at The Nicholas Hamond Academy have decreased in recent years. In 2019-2020, we only had 9 students. This number was neither financially nor academically viable.

However, we believe firmly that the young people of Swaffham should have access to local, high-quality post-16 provision, and we also believe that The Nicholas Hamond Academy should offer this. In order to rebuild the provision, however, we will need to take a little time to develop a curriculum offer and staffing plan as well as a marketing and admissions plan. We believe that this means we will be able to re-open our sixth form provision in September 2023 and we look forward to our students who are currently in Year 9 becoming our new Year 12 at that point.

Until this is possible, however, we are required (by the Department for Education) to formally apply for a temporary closure, and this requires us to consult with key local stakeholders. We would be pleased to hear your views on the temporary closure of course; but would also like to hear your thoughts on how we can ensure a vibrant post-16 offer at The Nicholas Hamond Academy from September 2023.

Purpose of and process for the consultation

Change of age range – to temporarily exclude Post 16 provision

The Trustees of Academy Transformation Trust are seeking your views on the future of post-16 provision at The Nicholas Hamond Academy. The proposal is that the provision should be temporarily closed with immediate effect with a view to re-opening in full from September 2023. This will not impact upon any current students or staff members. This is also a formal consultation in regard to the admissions arrangements for The Nicholas Hamond Academy, as it is proposed to temporarily remove the post-16 Published Admission Number (PAN) altogether.

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Next steps

The Trustees of Academy Transformation Trust welcome comments from all local stakeholders on the proposal set out in this paper. All views expressed during this consultation will be reported to and considered by the Trustees after the consultation period has ended. The consultation closes on 11 April 2021.

We especially invite comments from the following groups:

- parents of children and young people between the ages of 2 and 18
- other persons in the Swaffham area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements (stakeholders)
- all other admissions authorities within the local area
- our local authority (Norfolk County Council) and other neighbouring local authorities.

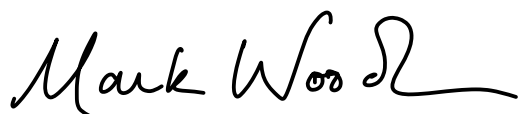
Please use the form overleaf to respond to the consultation.

Timeline

Consultation period01 March to 11 April 2021
Report on consultation to Trustees for approvalApril/May 2021
Communication to the Education and Skills Funding Agency
and the Regional Schools Commissioner for approvalMay 2021
ImplementationSeptember 2021

We will write again to all of our families during May 2021 informing you of the outcome of this consultation. In the meantime, our options processes for our current Year 9 pupils will continue – including consideration of their possible Post-16 qualifications choices in our newly established Sixth Form from September 2023.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Woodhouse
Principal

Consultation Response Form

Consultation on a proposal to temporarily close the sixth form at The Nicholas Hamond Academy

Please return to the address below by Sunday 11 April 2021:

Jill Hambright
Principal's PA
The Nicholas Hamond Academy
Brandon Rd
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or e-mail your response to jill.hambright@tnha.org.uk.

Name		
Interest in The Nicholas Hamond Academy		
Parent/carers	Staff member	Member of staff at another local school
Other (please specify)		

Please comment on the proposal for the temporary closure of the sixth form at The Nicholas Hamond Academy.

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