



## **Initial Consultation Period**

### **Proposal to Add a Sixth Form to Haywood Academy**

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 - 11th November 2013**

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<http://www.haywoodacademy.coop/>

## **What does the proposal include and when will it start?**

Haywood Academy Governors are proposing to add a sixth form, providing up to 360 places for 16-19 year old students. We propose that the first intake of 180 students will be in September 2015. The sixth form is expected to be full by September 2016.

Students on roll at the Academy and up to 40 external students in each year group will be able to apply for a place at the sixth form. The admission criteria will be consistent and in line with existing arrangements within the City of Stoke-on-Trent.

## **We believe that the addition of sixth form provision will:**

1. Provide a much needed direct post 16 progression route for students at the Academy.
2. Develop a culture of continuous learning and progression which will raise aspirations for younger students;
3. Increase the provision for the city of Stoke-on-Trent as a whole, thus strengthening the city as an education provider.

We believe that the addition of a sixth form will enhance the character of our Academy and have a positive impact across the City.

## **Academy and local context**

There are currently 1015 students at Haywood Academy. Every year group is full and oversubscribed, except year 7, where there are 30 free spaces due to a demographic intake dip. Internal student questionnaires show that 80% of students would remain at Haywood if we were to have a sixth form provision. The sixth form would require the provision of extra buildings to assist physical capacity to the Academy's site.

### Destination data for the last academic year:

School Leavers	2009	2010	2011	2012
Newcastle College	61	70	73	63
Stoke on Trent Sixth Form (Burslem)	87	51	26	24
Stoke on Trent Sixth Form (Fenton)	28	25	52	43
Stoke on Trent College (Cauldon)	27	3	35	47
Reaseheath College	2	2	3	2
South Staffordshire College	1			
Total	206	178	189	179

Whilst the trend clearly shows the reduction in NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) figures, we consider that the provision of a sixth form would continue this trend, but also ensure that the students who enrol on courses at the Academy see them through to a conclusion.

Our students are now making excellent progress with current data showing that 54% of our students achieved 5 A\* - C passes at GCSE including English and Maths in 2013.

Current assessment data informs us that this figure will increase to 65% in 2014.

While most of our students live within a 15 minute walk or are driven to the Academy, the majority of those who go into sixth forms are required to undertake a longer and sometimes more difficult journey. In addition, it is recognised that where students change school, at whatever age, they are likely to achieve less well than those who stay in an environment that they know and where they are known.

At Haywood there is a great sense of community and students respond to that. The establishment of sixth form provision at Haywood will provide an attractive alternative that will address these issues. Furthermore many of the current destinations of Haywood students are currently oversubscribed and it is often the case that students do not get their preferred curriculum. In addition, the entry requirements for sixth form vary tremendously; for example some provisions only accept students achieving 5 grade Bs at GCSE. They are able to do this as some courses are oversubscribed. The priority for the Haywood sixth form would be to provide a personalised learning pathway for students to enable them to make a successful transition to higher education or the world of work. We are fully aware that every student is different and we would endeavour to offer a flexible curriculum allowing each individual to select the combination of courses that is most suitable to him or her.

## **Next steps**

The Governing Body of the Haywood Academy welcomes views from all stakeholders on the proposal set out in this paper. All views expressed during this consultation will be reported to and considered by the Governing Body.

If the Governing Body decide that a formal proposal to add a sixth form to Haywood Academy is the best way forward, a statutory notice will be published which will provide further opportunity for views to be registered. Following the conclusion of the notice period a formal proposal will be submitted.