

19th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Outcome of the proposal to permanently lower the age range at Central Lancaster High School

Following the recent consultation to close the Sixth Form at CLHS, Lancashire County Council cabinet office for Children and Young People signed off the statutory proposal to discontinue our post 16 sixth form provision by permanently lowering our age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years. This decision is effective from today.

This means that our Sixth Form will close from August 2018, once our current Year 12 students have completed their post 16 programmes of study. The decision can be found on the Lancashire County Council website using this link: <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=11859>

Excellent progression opportunities for all our students are very important to us; our students have access to a wide range of Good and Outstanding Academic 'A' Level, vocational Level 2/3 programmes and apprenticeships within and around Lancaster. Significant cuts to education budgets and most significantly changes to post 16 funding over recent years have meant that small schools are not able to deliver the wide range of sixth form courses which our students richly deserve and seek.

We are absolutely committed to supporting all of our students by ensuring we offer them the best possible 11-16 teaching within a broad and balanced curriculum which prepares them well for progression to their chosen further education choices. We have close working relationships with all the post 16 providers in Lancaster, and further afield including Myerscough College and we will continue to ensure that every student accesses personalised advice and guidance to enable them to make informed choices about their future studies.

We offer taster activities, facilitate visits to and from our partner institutions and work closely with every student to ensure advice, guidance and applications are well supported. We are developing new aspects of our curriculum offer from this September, especially in the fields of engineering, technology and construction and will be introducing new subjects to our school to ensure that every student reaches their potential and SHINES.

Should you have any questions, or would like to seek additional advice and guidance for your children in terms of their future choices, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,



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