Proposal to expand the Sixth Form at Colyton Grammar School

Consultation Ends
At 12.00pm on Friday 6 July 2018

Headteacher: Mr T Harris
Chair of Trustees: Mr B Sindall
STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

Colyton Grammar School wants to hear the views of local families, local community, school staff, trustees and parents on:

The proposed enlargement of Colyton Grammar School Sixth Form from a PAN of 30 to a PAN of 60. This would total a year group to 185 students creating an increase of 60 students in the Sixth Form for 2020/21.

It is important that you make your views known by 12.00pm on Friday 6 July 2018.

WHY ARE MORE SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED?

Colyton Grammar School is a popular and oversubscribed selective grammar school in East Devon. In the past four OFSTED inspections it has been rated as Outstanding and it has frequently been at the top of the DfE performance tables for both GCSE and A-Level. In 2016/17 the Sixth Form was the top performing co-educational school for best three A-Level results. Disadvantaged students from the Parish of Colyton and Colyford are able to benefit from The Feoffees Bursary (£1000) and the School provides additional financial support to all disadvantaged students. Over the last four years more than 75% of our sixth form students from disadvantaged backgrounds have gone on to take-up undergraduate courses at Russell Group universities, with 23% gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge. We have large cohorts of students taking Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Further Maths at A-Level and the school studies single sciences from Year 7.

In this part of East Devon post-16 places have been significantly reduced by the decision to close applications to the Axe Valley Academy Sixth Form. This has led to an increase in applications and appeals for providers outside of the local authority area that still have a sixth form forcing East Devon students’ unnecessary travel to neighbouring local authorities. An increase in travel time would have a significantly detrimental impact on students and their welfare and this negative effect would impact disadvantaged students disproportionately. The expansion of the sixth form at Colyton would enable students to remain in their local area to continue their studies at an outstanding provider. Colyton Grammar School actively promotes applications from disadvantaged students. We have trebled the applications from disadvantaged learners for Year 7 entry and at both Year 7 and at Year 12 entry points, disadvantaged students are prioritised and are guaranteed a place if they meet the minimum Sixth Form entry requirement.

HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

We are fortunate to have a large campus which provides extensive playing fields and outdoor space for students. However, we also have a number of small teaching rooms; there is an excellent opportunity to improve the facilities and accommodation for all students within the existing footprint of the school. With careful planning this will improve safeguarding by managing student and visitor access to the site; improve provision for pastoral care, mindfulness and wellbeing; provide the additional accommodation required and bring subject-teaching areas together in improved accommodation. The proposals provide an exciting opportunity to secure the future of our school in the 21st century and to meet the needs of our local community.
HOW WILL THE SCHOOL GROW?

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HOW WILL THE PROPOSED EXPANSION AFFECT THE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ON ROLL?
As outlined above, students currently on roll will benefit from improved accommodation, enhanced safeguarding and pastoral care and specialist facilities appropriate for the current curriculum. The capacity to update and extend some accommodation will provide a better learning experience for students and a more energy-efficient, positive working environment. Additional students will also allow us to maintain a breadth of curriculum at Post-16 through an optimum number of students making option choices. Our curriculum offer is strong but the capacity to protect diversity Post-16 within budget also brings many constraints will ensure that all aspects of the curriculum can thrive.

HOW DO I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN?
Please send your views by 12pm on Friday 6 July 2018.
Email: consultation@colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk

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Attend the public consultation drop-in session at Colyton Grammar School on Friday 22nd June between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Senior staff and Trustees will be available to hear any feedback and respond to your questions.

All the views received will be considered by the school.