



18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### **Curriculum Planning – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Consultation**

Dear Parent / Carer,

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January the school held an Open Evening for contributions to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Consultation. The Chair of the Local Governing Body and four further Governors were present to hear and discuss the points raised.

Below is a summary of the points raised (the answer to the question, not every question) and clarification on a number of points:

- ❖ The Partnership 6<sup>th</sup> Form with Paulet High School was ended 5 years ago by the leadership at Blessed Robert Sutton, in order for the school to develop a distinctive 6<sup>th</sup> form provision on the Blessed Robert Sutton site.
- ❖ At the time of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening (15<sup>th</sup> November 2018) the intention was to display the planned 6<sup>th</sup> Form offer.
- ❖ The completion of the curriculum audit on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 made the financial consequences apparent.
- ❖ Becoming a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust / new Headteacher, has not 'caused' this situation. (Leaving Staffordshire LA brought long term loans / deficits to the fore).
- ❖ The timing of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Consultation is disruptive for Year 12 (exams) and Year 11 (Post 16 choices).
- ❖ Governors / Trustees and the Headteacher have guaranteed that Year 12 students will be able to complete their A levels studies at Blessed Robert Sutton.
- ❖ Parents / carers chose Blessed Robert Sutton for their child, because it was a small, Catholic, pastorally caring school. It is up to the leadership to balance the finance and organisational elements.
- ❖ The Catholic Church / CMAT will not be contributing any financial support for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.
- ❖ A discussion on the viability of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form will occur every year.
- ❖ Consultation is destabilising for parents / carers with children in lower years.
- ❖ Finances do limit the breadth of the curriculum offer (number of subjects).
- ❖ The possibility of offering Level 1 & 2 courses / Vocational courses will be explored.

For further contributions please use the link on the website to email your comments.

Yours faithfully

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