



Perryfields High School and Sixth Form

Specialist Maths and Computing College



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the difficult decision we have had to make to suspend the provision of Post 16 teaching at Perryfields High School for the academic year 2018 – 2019. This means we will not be recruiting current Year 11 students in to Post 16 and we will not have a Year 12 for 2018 – 2019. We can assure students and parents of current Year 12 students that we are committed to them completing their courses in Year 13 and we will still have Post 16 provision for them. However we fully appreciate that they may no longer wish to stay in such a small Sixth form so we will support them fully in finding alternative provision if they wish to do so.

This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made with the best interests of the whole school community. The small size of the sixth form has been a strength in many ways, but in the current educational climate it has become increasingly apparent that a small sixth form such as ours is currently unable to offer the breadth of subjects that we feel prepares students for a full range of pathways in the future. We currently run some courses with one student in a class. This is not beneficial for the student and is financially unviable and could jeopardise the financial situation of the whole school. The projected uptake of places for 2018 – 2019 although improving indicates that classes would remain small and we would only be able to offer an extremely limited choice of courses. We plan to relaunch our Post 16 provision in 2019 – 2020 with improved resources and a greater breadth of courses that will best suit the majority of our students.

Our priority is now to give our current Year 11 students the best information and guidance about local provision at Post 16 to best suit their needs and aspirations. We understand that this may be a disappointing decision for some of our students, parents and staff. However we hope that you understand that we have made an informed decision and that our commitment is to achieving the best outcomes for all of our students.

We are currently investigating opportunities for our current Year 11 to interact with other Post 16 providers and will be offering support with regards to applying elsewhere. Further details about this support will be communicated shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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