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Brooke Weston Academy and Corby Technical School 6th Form Consultation

We are grateful to all stakeholders who took time to complete our consultation questionnaire for this project. The majority of responses were in favour of us moving forward to improve the breadth of our sixth form offer, however a number of important questions were raised about how the new arrangements could work and suggestions made about things we should try to avoid. All these have been very helpful in shaping our thinking. We have decided to approach the Department for Education for approval to implement this project, but before doing so we will do more work to address the points that have been raised.

The three main things that you highlighted for us to think about were:

1. The problems that can occur when students have to travel from one site to another during their school day and the lost teaching time/disruption to learning when that happens.
2. The need to sustain the Brooke Weston Academy high standard of sixth form teaching and student care/guidance, along with good communication to parents and students.
3. The importance of having appropriate entry criteria to the sixth form for different students and to avoid a one size fits all approach.

We are now working to create a model which addresses these points and is based on the following principles:

1. Teachers, not students, should move between sites and there should be no disruption to learning.
2. Every student should have a sixth form personal tutor at their school along with dedicated sixth form pastoral and careers staff. The overall expectations, teaching quality, culture and leadership of the sixth form remain those of Brooke Weston Academy. They are just being delivered in two places.
3. The admissions criteria will be updated for September 2021 to allow for different pathways through the new sixth form, but we will protect the highly aspirational and academic core at the heart of what is offered.

Whilst it is still early in the planning process and nothing can happen without final approval from the Department for Education, if you would like to learn a little more about our plans at this stage you are invited to attend one of our drop-in information events which will be hosted by the Academies' Principals and the Head of Sixth Form from Brooke Weston Academy. Details of these events will be publicised within the next few days.

Best wishes,

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