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Our ref: CS/Sixth Form

Date: 11th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share an important update regarding the future of our Sixth Form. After careful consideration, we have made the decision to conclude our Sixth Form provision in September 2026.

This means that our current Year 12 students will be our final cohort, and we are delighted to support them fully as they complete their A-Level and Vocational studies with us next year. All year 11 pupils will not have the option of our Sixth Form offer in September 2026

This strategic decision has been made in response to the evolving educational landscape in our area.

We are fortunate to be surrounded by several large, specialist sixth form and college providers. While we are incredibly proud of the personalised education and close-knit community we have offered, these larger institutions can provide a breadth of course options that has become challenging for us to match on a smaller scale.

Please be assured that we are fully committed to guiding all our students through this transition. Our current Year 11 pupils will receive comprehensive and personalised careers and post-16 guidance to help them secure places at excellent local sixth forms and colleges, where they will have a vast array of subjects to choose from.

The Department for Education specify a six- week consultation period. Therefore, if you have any responses, please send them to consultation@decschool.co.uk by 3.00 pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

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