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Dear Parents/Carers,

Consultation regarding the expansion of All Saints School Sixth Form from Monday 2nd January 2023 to Monday 30th January 2023

All Saints School is running a formal consultation with relevant stakeholders and the community to explore the possible expansion of the existing Sixth Form. The increase in the 16-19 demographic locally, based upon the numbers of students already in local schools and projected data provided by DfE and Barking and Dagenham Council, shows that in future years, the school may have to review its entrance criteria or reject a significant number of applicants, unless it is able to expand the school's estate to create additional places for students.

The basis for the consultation is a proposal to expand All Saints School Sixth Forms by a further 35 places into Year 12 starting in September 2025 increasing the total capacity of the Sixth Form to 350 to 420. As part of the expansion, it is proposed to build a new sixth form centre of approximately 1000m².

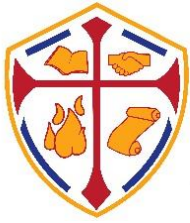
In doing so, the existing Sixth Form area will be converted to a Learning Resource centre, the library remodelled to support Design Technology. The new Sixth Form building will include a study area, common room, two seminar classrooms, an ICT classroom and activity studio.

The proposal is dependent on planning permission and funding through a Post-16 Capacity Fund application. It is not anticipated that we will need to make change to our current admissions policy at this time.

Why are we proposing to enlarge the number of places available at All Saints School Sixth Form? There is a significant rise in the number of 16-19 learners within Barking and Dagenham between now and 2030. We forecast a significant increase in the number applicants to All Saints School Sixth Form and unless we are able to expand our estates and create additional spaces to meet the needs of the students in the area and provide high quality facilities we will have to reject a high proportion of qualified applicants.

At the 2021 Spending Review, the Government announced the scheme to provide additional capital investment to ensure that post-16 providers can accommodate the expected demographic increase in 16 to 19-year-olds. The school has made an application to the Post 16 Capacity Fund that emerged from the Spending Review to facilitate its expansion to meet this local need.





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How will the expansion be funded? This proposal for expansion is dependent on the school receiving significant funding from the DfE for capital building works. The school has applied to the government's Post-16 Capacity Fund to secure funds to enable the development.

How can I find out more information? We would like to find out what families, staff, governors, and other interested members of the local community think about our proposal. To do this, we are starting the formal consultation process. The consultation closes on Monday 30th January 2023. We would like to hear your views about our proposals, if you have any views and would like to contact us, please email office@allsaintsschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

