



7th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

AXE VALLEY SIXTH FORM PROVISION

In September of last year we wrote to inform you of our proposal to close the sixth form at Axe Valley Academy and that a period of consultation would begin which, after an extension, ended on 19th December 2017. We would like to thank all those who took the time to attend the public meeting and/or send questions and comments to our consultation e-mail.

Trustees have produced a document detailing the questions and the Trust's responses which can be found at the following link:

<http://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/parent/consultation/>

The Trustees have taken into consideration all the questions and comments raised by this public consultation together with the financial position of Axe Valley Academy and the demographics of the Axe Valley communities. We have explored a number of avenues since first proposing this change and have voted to **suspend recruitment** into the sixth form for the foreseeable future rather than apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner to re-designate the school as an 11-16 provider. This will mean that Axe Valley Academy could relaunch the sixth form in the future if student numbers and funding allow, without having to apply to have the re-designation decision reversed. Trustees will reconsider the viability of the 16-19 provision at Axe Valley Academy at regular points. However, taking into account current projections, it is very unlikely that the Academy will be in a position to consider recruitment into the sixth form within the next three years.

Yours faithfully

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