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### **Consultation on the proposed closure of Sixth Form Provision at Dixons Cottingley Academy**

The purpose of this letter is to seek your views on the proposal to close the sixth form at Dixons Cottingley Academy. Given that one of our greatest challenges is to reach full capacity at lower school, we are not currently proposing to increase our lower school pupil admission number.

Dixons Cottingley are requesting permission to close their sixth form as it has proven difficult to recruit an economically viable sixth form on this site. Clearly the situation where we have 1 student studying A level Mathematics is non-sustainable. We are unable to provide the range of programmes necessary to make the provision attractive.

In addition, we believe that the opening of the Dixons Sixth Form and New College in 2019 will provide suitable pathways for our students. Between these 2 providers there will be a total of 2000 places offered with possibly a potential of expansion. The closing of Dixons Cottingley Academy's sixth form and the opening of these 2 specialist providers reflects Bradford Council's vision for Post-16 following the review; 'A joint approach to post-16 education improvement in Bradford and the need for change' in July 2016.

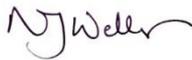
If this proposal is approved there would be no provision of level 3 courses for year 12 students in academic year 2019-20.

This letter is therefore to gain your views and comments, on our proposal to close sixth form provision at Dixons Cottingley Academy.

The consultation process will continue until 20 November 2018 after which we will seek permission to change our admission arrangements from the Department of Education.

Any comments or suggestions can be emailed to the Principal's PA at Dixons Cottingley, [CVaughan@dixonsco.com](mailto:CVaughan@dixonsco.com)

Yours sincerely



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