



Consultation on the proposal to change the Published Admission Number for the secondary provision at The Phoenix Collegiate

The Proposal

The proposal is to change the Published Admission Number (PAN) for provision at The Phoenix Collegiate School, from 330 to 350, as from September 2018 starting with Year 7 and phasing through to Year 11. At the same time we intend to reduce the PAN for 6th form from 358 to 258.

The admissions policy will be in line with our current policy which is available on our website www.aspirebelievesucceed.com

Background

During the academic year 2015/16 Sandwell Local Authority approached the secondary schools in Sandwell to try to meet the increasing needs of Sandwell. Sandwell required a significant number of additional secondary school places across the authority including the West Bromwich and Wednesbury areas.

TABLE A – West Bromwich

Academic Year	NCY7		
	Projected	PAN	Surplus
2016/17	705	740	35
2017/18	754	740	-14
2018/19	736	740	4
2019/20	820	740	-80
2020/21	810	740	-70
2021/22	807	740	-67
2022/23	847	740	-107
2023/24	869	740	-129

TABLE B - Wednesbury

Academic Year	NCY7		
	Projected	PAN	Surplus
2016/17	580	636	56
2017/18	574	636	62
2018/19	601	636	35
2019/20	658	636	-22
2020/21	651	636	-15
2021/22	649	636	-13
2022/23	676	636	-40
2023/24	691	636	-55

TABLE C - Sandwell

Academic Year	NCY7		
	Projected	PAN	Surplus
2016/17	4035	4181	146
2017/18	4154	4241	87
2018/19	4190	4241	51
2019/20	4637	4241	-396
2020/21	4582	4241	-341
2021/22	4566	4241	-325
2022/23	4780	4241	-539
2023/24	4894	4241	-653

At Phoenix our roll has rapidly increased. In September 2016 the school is full in years 7 and 8 (at a PAN of 330).

Additionally, Sandwell also has a significant capacity at KS5 across the borough, our average KS5 NOR over the past 4 years has been 244 students

Rationale for adjusting the Published Admission Number

The rationale for increasing the Published Admission Number for the provision of Key Stage 3 and subsequently Key Stage 4 at The Phoenix Collegiate School from 330 to 350 is based on the following:

Space requirements

The pressure on secondary places continues to grow and the latest forecasts produced by the Council (23/09/16) confirm that the number of children entering Year 7 will increase across the borough. This is an ongoing pattern.

The above confirms the likelihood that the secondary provision in Key Stage 3 and rolling out into Key Stage 4 at The Phoenix Collegiate School will be fully taken up. The surplus space that currently exists in the college sector as well as some other schools locally could easily meet needs given of our reduced 6th form intake.

If numbers continue to rise then it is feasible that by 2020 The Phoenix Collegiate School would have to accommodate 2008 pupils (its total capacity). This will also ensure effective budget management within the new school buildings.

Teaching and learning

Much work has been done at the school to improve the learning environment and the 'climate' for learning around the school. The Headteacher and members of the senior leadership team believe that having 1750 pupils would ensure the ability of the school to maintain an 'outstanding' climate for learning.

In the Summer / Autumn terms 2016 there was a complete review of the pastoral structure to ensure the movement to the new school buildings would have the right pastoral structure to manage and increase in students to a PAN of 350.

The new buildings, purpose built for 2008 pupils, will further enhance high quality provision.

Other issues

During the recent statutory consultation prior to the building work which began in 2016, local residents were fully consulted on the impact increased numbers would have on the local community.

Overall this proposal does not effect the total number of students attending Phoenix it would maintain a whole school population of 2008 students

Capacity at other secondary schools

Currently, there is significant under-capacity at secondary level. An increase in the PAN of Y7 to Y11 at Phoenix will support the efficient use of resources across the borough's secondary schools.

What happens next?

We are consulting widely from 5th October 2016 to 30th November 2016 to hear and collect your views.

We will report these to Sandwell Council.

If the proposals are approved, the Published Admission Number for the secondary provision of The Phoenix Collegiate School will increase to 350 on a phased increase starting with Year 7 taking effect from September 2018.

Target Timeline: expected key dates in the decision making process

The consultation will follow a prescribed format as follows:

Key dates	Milestones
Start of consultation period	5 th October 2016
Consultation ends	30 th November 2016
Admission Arrangements Determined	January Governing Body Meeting (23.01.17)

How can you have your say?

Any concerns relating to the above proposal should be put in writing to The Headteacher, The Phoenix Collegiate, Clarkes Lane, West Bromwich B71 2BX

Further information on these proposals

If you have any queries or comments on these proposals, please contact The Headteacher, The Phoenix Collegiate, Clarkes Lane, West Bromwich B71 2BX or 0121 588 8384