

## Ash Hill Academy Consultation

### We are consulting on:

- A reduction in the Academy's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 252 to 210 pupils effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

### Summary

Ash Hill Academy (AHA) are consulting with all stakeholders to reduce the PAN held by the Local Authority from 252 to 210 pupils. Historically the Academy had a sixth form with a PAN of 200 students (100 per year group).

The sixth form closed in July 2018, the PAN has remained stationary although there has been a significant reduction in student numbers.

Current AHA capacity is 1260 PAN at 252 per year group. AHA was 1260 Year 7 to 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form which has since closed. There has been no further review of the PAN.

### Why are we looking at making the proposed changes to Ash Hill Academy?

Applications for September 2023 provided by the Local Authority were below 200 (199 students) and although this may change before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, numbers are not expected to exceed this number.

Currently, the Academy is using two buildings, Porter and Da Vinci. The third building (Harper) has been closed to teaching groups. Due to the size of the Academy, the Harper building is not being used for teaching classrooms as there would be a significant cost implication, which is not sustainable due to the size of the current roll.

The Academy can plan for financial sustainability based on realistic student numbers (210 per year group rather than a notional 252) in order to retain and recruit staffing.

There will therefore be no detrimental effect to parents / carers and pupils in relation to the reduction to PAN. Parents / Carers will still be able to access their school of choice.

The table below shows the demographics for the last five academic years for Ash Hill Academy, with the highest number of pupils in year 7 at 191 pupils in 2022/23.

Academic Year	Year 7 September admissions
2018/2019	150
2019/2020	160
2020/2021	160
2021/2022	173
2022/2023	191
2023/2024 (Projected)	199 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Pref)

### **Who will be affected?**

We are consulting directly with all those who we think may be directly affected by our proposals.

We are directly asking for the views of:

- Parents / Carers
- Staff
- The local community
- Local authority
- Local businesses
- Community groups
- Other local schools

### **How can I tell you what I think?**

We want to hear from as many people as possible as part of this consultation. We understand that some people will have views on our proposals. We also want to hear from all stakeholders.

You can tell us what you think in the following ways:

- Via our website: [www.ashhillacademy.org.uk](http://www.ashhillacademy.org.uk)
- By email to [info@ashhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@ashhillacademy.org.uk)
- By post

The consultation will run from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

If you wish to get in touch and tell us what you think you can do this in the following ways:

- By email to [info@ashhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@ashhillacademy.org.uk)
- By Phone 01302 562541

### **What happens next?**

Following the end of the consultation period we will provide an update on our website. [www.ashhillacademy.org.uk](http://www.ashhillacademy.org.uk)