

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Consultation: Proposal to temporarily close Post 16 provision at Harrogate High School

Q	How long will the proposed temporary closure be for?
A	<i>We are proposing to close until September 2021. However, the Department for Education will determine this as a result of our application for Significant Change.</i>
Q	Is there another model of Post 16 provision that can be explored in partnership with another Post 16/ FE provider in Harrogate?
A	<i>NSAT are exploring a new and exciting offer that is based on robust collaboration and partnership working. This will have a clear focus on preparing our young people for sustainable career choices either via Higher Education, Further Education or apprenticeships. As our ideas have developed we foresee that our future provision will focus on an offer which combines academic and technical qualifications to create relevant career appropriate choices. It is envisaged that local employers will be closely involved in the design of the curriculum, building on our relationship with North Yorkshire Local Authority. The Trust will be setting up working groups to include providers and partners to help shape this offer.</i>
Q	Will parents be kept fully informed of alternative future plans?
A	<i>Yes. Absolutely. Parents will be kept fully informed via the following means: communication home, the HHS Parents Forum group and the school website.</i>
Q	Do you consider that the temporary closure will impact negatively on pupil numbers entering the school?
A	<i>Evidence shows that over the last three years when numbers in the Sixth Form have significantly declined (2019 Yr. 13 only NoR:15, 2018-2019 combined classes NoR: 35, 2017-2018 NoR:51) there has been no impact on the number of applications into Year 7 – in fact the opposite has occurred with the school filling the majority of places with first choice applications in 2019</i>
Q	Would the admission arrangements for HHS need to change?
A	<i>HHS as an Academy is its own admission authority. This means we are responsible for the determined admission arrangements and our admission policies and procedures. Our policy is reviewed in line with statutory regulations on a yearly basis. The Admissions Code and DfE Application for Significant Change make it a requirement for us to seek an alteration to our Admission Arrangements in order to implement the proposed temporary closure. The revised Policy for 2020 Admissions can be found on our school website.</i>
Q	Does HHS need agreement from the Local Authority?
A	<i>Northern Star Academies Trust, is the Multi-Academy Trust that is accountable and responsible for HHS. We have an open and transparent working relationship with North Yorkshire LA. We would always seek to gain the support of the LA and work in collaboration to ensure we are putting the best interests of the children and young people we educate at the forefront of all our decisions. As part of this consultation we have consulted with NYLA and have received their full support for this proposal. They recognize the numbers on roll are not viable.</i>

