



20th April 2016

Dear Parent

You will be aware that there has been an ongoing consultation about Kent County Council's proposal to close Pent Valley Technology College and offer places to their students, currently in Years 7-9, in alternative local schools, including the Academy.

In March, the decision to close the school was ratified by KCC and a public notice was issued. Subject to final comments and objections, a final decision will be made in late April. If the closure of Pent Valley is confirmed, the Academy will admit an additional 150 students in September, spread across next year's Year 8, 9 and 10.

We are making several adaptations, both to our building and our staffing structure, in order to accommodate the additional students. We have commissioned the conversion of four additional science laboratories so we can deliver an exciting, practical experience. We have recruited additional teachers and support staff to ensure that the average class size remains below 25. We are absolutely determined that supporting the admission of these students will not compromise the quality of our provision to our existing school community.

We are very positive about welcoming these students into our community and a focus through the summer term will be working with our existing students to support their smooth transition.

Yours sincerely

Warren Smith
Headteacher