



Monday 2nd October 2017

Appleton College Consultation period Thursday 5th October to Thursday 2nd November

Proposal:

- to consult on closing Appleton College and
- to work on collaborative transition from KS4 to KS5 with Priestley College as part of The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wrote to you at the start of the term regarding this proposal and the two main reasons behind it. They are:

1. The significantly low and declining number of students choosing Appleton College as a Post 16 option means that the College is no longer financially viable. The only alternative is to reduce the course offer for students, which will result in the College becoming educationally unviable.
2. Being a founder member of The Challenge Academy Trust, Bridgewater High School has the opportunity to forge a collaborative transition structure with Priestley College to the benefit our students.

The consultation period will now begin on Thursday 5th October and closes on Thursday 2nd November. Detailed information will be available on the school website www.bridgewaterhigh.org from Thursday 5th October. Please follow the link "Appleton Consultation" from the News Section. If you would like a hard copy of the Consultation document, please contact Mrs J Hodgson at the Upper School or email J.Hodgson@bridgewaterhigh.com.

During the consultation period there will be number of ways in which you can register your views or ask questions. These will be:

- by email to appletonproposal@bridgewaterhigh.com or
- by post to Appleton College Consultation, Broomfields Road, Appleton WA4 3AE.
- through the on-line consultation link on the school's website

You can also attend the Consultation Event to be held at the **Upper School at 6.30 on Thursday 19th October** where governors and senior staff will be able to respond to any queries. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs J Hodgson at the Upper School or email: J.Hodgson@bridgewaterhigh.com.

Once the consultation has period has closed, Governors will review all the feedback and responses. The outcomes will be announced w/c 13th November.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Long, Principal

Stephen Whatmore, Chair of Governors



PART OF THE CHALLENGE ACADEMY TRUST | NURTURE | CHALLENGE | ACHIEVE

Principal
Tim Long BA (Oxon)
MA Ed, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

Headteacher Lower School
Tracey Hatton
BA Hons, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

Headteacher Upper School
Keiron Powell
BA Hons, QTS