

15th March 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am delighted to announce that the Department for Education has formally approved our request to relocate our sixth form from Barleythorpe to Casterton from September 2017. This is the culmination of a long held dream for the parents and young people of Stamford and East Rutland to have their very own school sixth form here at Casterton.

I can confirm that we are offering a high-end academic sixth form comprising of a wide range of A Levels, the Extended Project Qualification and the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma as well as our hugely successful personalised learning programme. Our academic points score per entry in 2015 was the highest in Stamford and Rutland (213.4) and 25% of our students progressed to top universities.

The good news is that our current Year 11 will learn on this site in the second year of their A level studies in 2017-18, and our current Year 10 will be the first to spend their entire sixth form on this campus. The advantages of having a sixth form on one campus are enormous:

- Reduced travel time and costs to students and parents in Stamford and East Rutland
- Huge economies of scale that will release an additional £1/2m to spend on our students over the next 2 years
- A wider selection of high quality electives for our sixth formers such as Duke of Edinburgh Award (Gold) and our new nationally acclaimed PIXL Edge Scheme
- The capacity to recruit and retain more staff
- Inspiring role models and leaders for our younger students
- Improved continuity of teaching in the transition between GCSE and A Level

Although our sixth form will be based on the Casterton campus and our students will have first priority on taking up places, we will also welcome applications from suitably qualified students from Stamford Welland Academy, Uppingham Community College and Catmose College as well as the Melton schools and students living in Peterborough and South Lincolnshire.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and students that the transition to the new campus will be seamless. We have an excellent and highly experienced team of A Level teachers and our courses and resources are very well established. We expect our results to continue to rise even further over the next few years.

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Young people who prefer to take up apprenticeships and vocational courses will be directed to the excellent range of courses available at New College Stamford. Recently, we have also become members of the Stamford Alliance of Schools (Stamford Endowed Schools, New College Stamford and Stamford Welland Academy) and look forward to working with them closely in the future. We believe that working in consultation with our local partners helps to ensure that the quality of educational provision in the Stamford area has never been better.

Over the next few months we will release more details of how our new sixth form will look. Please follow our website, Twitter and Facebook accounts to receive further updates as they happen.

Yours sincerely

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