



Dear Parents/Carers

30 January 2025

***Reference: Consultation to close the sixth form provision at Sutton Community Academy from September 2026***

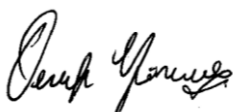
I am writing to inform you of the decision made at the Board of Trustees meeting on 21st January 2025, regarding the proposal for the closure of the sixth form provision from September 2026 at Sutton Community Academy. During the meeting, the Trustees carefully evaluated all relevant information and rationale provided as well as all of the responses received as part of the consultation process.

After thorough deliberation, the Trustees have agreed to proceed with the recommendation to close the sixth form provision (no new Year 12 students in September 2025 and final closure once current Year 12 students have completed their Year 13 studies in September 2026). We have submitted a request to the Department for Education (DfE) for a Significant Change to alter the age range of the academy to 11-16 and requested a variation to the determined admission arrangements. The DfE will review the request and provide their final decision.

We are aware that the proposed closure has generated opposition locally. However, after considering all factors, we are confident that this decision is in the long-term best interests of current and future students in the academy. There is an excess of high-quality places available at other local provisions, one of which is located within a mile of the academy. Furthermore, the small number of students who would have chosen to attend the sixth form in 2025 will be offered excellent opportunities to continue their studies at nearby providers. These institutions have expressed their commitment to working closely with us to ensure a smooth transition for these students.

We understand that this is a challenging decision for some, but we firmly believe that it is the right course of action to secure the future success and sustainability of the academy.

Yours sincerely,



Derek Trimmer  
Acting CEO