



Beaumont School

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are writing to consult you on the following proposal:

Increasing the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of Beaumont School, Oakwood Drive, St Albans, AL4 0XB by one form of entry from September 2018

We wish to increase the size of Beaumont School by an additional one form of entry (a form of entry is 30 students per year group) from September 2018. This means that the school will then have the capacity to admit 210 students into Year 7 in September 2018 and in each subsequent year thereafter, making it a seven form entry school. Please note that we are not planning any other change to the admissions criteria for 2018.

Why is this being proposed?

Beaumont is a highly over-subscribed, outstanding secondary school which provides a superb education for students in the local community. In line with recent national trends, we are now seeing a significant increase in the demand for Year 7 places in parts of Hertfordshire, in particular St Albans and the surrounding areas. This is forecast by Hertfordshire County Council to increase further. The school and County Council consider that it is important to ensure that there are sufficient places available for students at outstanding schools, as near as possible to their homes. The County Council has asked the school to provide these additional places.

If a decision is made to enlarge this school, the County Council has agreed to provide the necessary funding to enable the school to build new classrooms and carry out the necessary alterations to the existing buildings to provide appropriate dining, toilets and recreational areas for the increased school population. It is envisaged that any additional classrooms will be provided at the rear (north east) of the school.

Have your say

The school believes that the enlargement will have a positive impact on its existing students, staff and the local community as it will improve access to school places and provide enhanced educational opportunities. We invite your comments as to whether we should enlarge the school; you have four weeks from the date of this letter to let us know your views. Please submit comments to the school in an envelope marked for the Headteacher's attention or via e-mail to head@beaumont.herts.sch.uk headed 'PAN Consultation'. We welcome your comments prior to the close of the consultation period at **9.00am on Friday 4 November 2016**. We will not be able to acknowledge or respond individually to your comments, but they will be taken into account.

How the decision will be taken

This is a consultation and no decision has yet been made. All comments received will be made available to the Governing Body, with whom the final decision on whether to enlarge the school lies. The consultation allows staff, parents, students and the local community to get involved in the process and raise any concerns you may have, so that the governors' final decision reflects, as far as possible, the wishes of the wider school community.

Yours sincerely

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Alex Hall
Chair of Governors

