

## The Hereford Academy

### Consultation Report V2 (Short Version)

#### Introduction

Consultation regarding the proposed Academy to replace Wyebridge Sports College has been wide-ranging, and inclusive. Several consultation events, aimed at the general public and Wyebridge representatives, have taken place alongside more specific meetings. A large amount of informal consultation by the project team has also taken place. A contacts list has been established so that key individuals are included in the circulation of news updates and invites to events.

#### Consultation Meetings

The purpose of consultation events is to convey information regarding the Academy, while also addressing community questions and concerns. The overall aim of the consultations was to ensure that the needs of the South Wye area are properly addressed and that community surrounding the Wyebridge Sports College was afforded the opportunity to give feedback. An overview of each of the formal consultation meetings is included below.

##### Event 1

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

**Location:** Oak Centre, Wyebridge Sports College.

**Invitees:** Local residents (by mail), elected members, parents, South Wye Regeneration Partnership, other contacts.

**Attendance:** Circa 40, including 10 Wyebridge parents

**Consultation:** Academy representatives available to answer questions, information provided.

##### Event 2

**Date:** 10th December 2007, 10am – 6pm

**Location:** The Kindle Centre, Belmont Road, Hereford.

**Invitees:** Local residents (by mail), elected members, parents (by e-mail), South Wye Regeneration Partnership, other contacts. An advertisement was also included in the Hereford Journal newspaper on the 6th Dec 2007. The circulation of this publication is roughly 20,000.

**Attendance:** 23, including 4 Wyebridge parents.

**Consultation:** Academy representatives available to answer questions, information provided.

#### School Staff meetings

Two main staff meetings have been held, on the 4th July and 7th November 2007. Attendance was good at both meetings, where staff were addressed by representatives of the Sponsor, DCSF, Herefordshire Council, and Headteacher, John Sheppard. Open question and answer sessions were held at both meetings.

## **School Governors**

The DCSF and Sponsor have attended meetings of the Wyebridge Sports College governing body on several occasions. Martin Erwin, Chair of Governors at Wyebridge Sports College, has also been invited to join the Academy Project Steering Group.

## **Newsletter Circulation**

An Academy Newsletter, defining the project and inviting questions, was circulated to local and national contacts during June 2007.

## **Trade Unions**

Herefordshire Council and the Academy Sponsors met with 8 Union representatives on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, to discuss TUPE issues and staff welfare related to the transition to the Academy.

## **Informal Consultation**

The Academy project team, especially Bruce Freeman (South Wye ELO) and Ian Terry (Hereford Diocesan Director of Education), have consulted and communicated with a large number of other parties regarding the Academy. Notably, Dr. Terry has met school management and staff at The Bishop's and Aylestone schools. A list of over 100 contacts made, with details of consultation, is available on request.

## **Website**

The Academy website ([www.theherefordacademy.co.uk](http://www.theherefordacademy.co.uk)) has been live since the 4th July 2007, and has received over 1000 hits. A consultation facility exists on the site, where direct communication with the Project Management Company is possible. A range of questions, from local and national individuals, have been received and fielded to the appropriate parties.