

Notice of intention to Discontinue Wyebridge Sports College

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Herefordshire Council, Children & Young People's Directorate, Blackfriars, PO Box 185, Blackfriars Street, Hereford HR4 9ZR intends to discontinue Wyebridge Sports College, Stanberrow Road, Hereford, HR2 7NG on 31 August 2008.

This proposal follows statutory consultation undertaken in relation to the establishment of The Hereford Academy.

Pupils will transfer from Wyebridge Sports College to The Hereford Academy. Admission may also be sought to other schools which have places available.

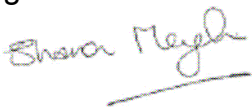
Existing arrangements for the provision of transport will continue for all pupils transferring from Wyebridge Sports College to The Hereford Academy. The proposal will seek to work against increased car use by locating the Academy on the existing Wyebridge Sports College site, which is central to the catchment area.

It is proposed that The Hereford Academy will offer 900 places for pupils aged 11 - 16. This is the same number of 11 – 16 places offered currently by Wyebridge Sports College. It is proposed that the age range of the academy is increased from 11 - 16 to 11 - 19, offering places for 220 post 16 students at the start of the academic year following completion of the new building. It is anticipated that this will be the academic year 2011/2012.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Rob Reid, Herefordshire Council, Children & Young People's Directorate, Blackfriars, PO Box 185, Blackfriars Street, Hereford HR4 9ZR. Tel: 01432 260920. Email: rreid@herefordshire.gov.uk

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the Schools Planning & Access Manager, Herefordshire Council, Children & Young People's Directorate, Blackfriars, PO Box 185, Blackfriars Street, Hereford HR4 9ZR .

Signed:



Sharon Menghini, Director of Children's Services

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Explanatory note:

Academies are publicly funded independent schools with sponsors from the private and voluntary sectors. The establishment of an Academy is subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State. It is proposed that the closure of Wyebridge Sports College should be approved to take effect only if by the date of closure an agreement has been made under section 482(1) of the Education Act 1996 for the establishment of an academy to replace Wyebridge Sports College.