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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to share some exciting news about the continued growth of our provision for young people with SEND. Please feel free to discuss this ambitious change with your sons and daughters.

Over recent years, our school community has flourished. With your support, we have developed a nurturing, ambitious learning environment where every young person is valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their very best. As part of our ongoing commitment to meeting the broad range of needs within our community, we are pleased to announce that the school will be expanding to include a dedicated Post 16 (P16) provision.

Why are we expanding?

We know how important continuity, familiarity and specialist support are for our young people as they take their next steps into adulthood. Many families have shared that transitioning to a new setting, anywhere, can be a worrying time. By creating a new P16 provision, we aim to:

- Provide a smooth, secure transition from Y11 to P16 education
- Offer high-quality, tailored learning pathways that help students develop independence, life skills and, for some, employability, for P19
- Successful transition into their next setting(s), eg: College, Employment, Leisure & Recreation, Supported Living
- Ensure continued access to the specialist expertise, routines, and relationships that help our young people thrive
- Create a setting designed specifically with SEND needs in mind, balancing structure, aspiration, and wellbeing

What will the new P16 provision offer?

Our P16 programme will focus on preparing students for adulthood in a way that is personalised, practical, and meaningful. This will include:

- Individual learning plans linked to students' strengths, interests, and ambitions



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- Opportunities to build functional literacy and numeracy, communication and social skills
- A broad range of lifeskills-based learning, such as travel training, community participation, and personal independence
- Access to work-related learning, supported work experience, and vocational options where appropriate
- Continued input from our specialist teams, including SEND staff, therapists and pastoral support

The new provision will be based in a separate, self-contained area to support greater independence while still benefiting from the safety and familiarity of our wider school community.

What happens next?

We will soon be sharing more detailed information about:

- The curriculum and pathways available
- Staffing and specialist support
- The timeline for building works or room adaptations
- Upcoming parent information events and us exploring opportunities to visit the new P16 space

We want to ensure families and students, feel fully informed and involved throughout this process. Your insights and experiences are invaluable to us, and we warmly welcome your questions, thoughts, and ideas.

A reassuring message

Please be assured that this expansion is being carefully planned with the needs of our young people at the heart of every decision. Our goal is simple: to give your young person, the very best start to adulthood by providing stability, aspiration, and holistic support at a time of significant growth and change.

Thank you, as always, for your trust, partnership, and dedication. Together, we can create a future for our young people that is full of opportunity, confidence, and hope.

If you would like to discuss anything in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,



Paula Wareing
Head Teacher