

Consultation on closure of post 16 at Dixons Allerton Academy

A consultation on the closure of the post 16 at Dixons Allerton Academy, which will result in a change to the admissions arrangements for the academy.

Reasons for closure

In 2019 when Dixons Sixth Form Academy and Bradford New College opened, our trust initially chose to keep sixth form provision open at Dixons Allerton Academy.

Since that point, numbers in the sixth form at Dixons Allerton Academy have steadily decreased and are no longer viable. In addition, the majority of sixth form students currently at Dixons Allerton Academy take applied courses and retention rate and outcomes for these courses have been below the Bradford average for the last five consecutive years. There are no courses offered at Dixons Allerton Academy that are not offered elsewhere in our city.

We have therefore taken the decision to phase out sixth form provision at Dixons Allerton Academy and focus our energies on improving the 11-16 phase of the school.

The planned change will come into effect from September 2026 meaning that no new students will be recruited to the sixth form. Any existing students will complete their course of study in July 2027, following which the sixth form will close.

Considerations

The current sixth form provision at Dixons Allerton Academy is a net liability to the whole school, its removal would mean more resources are available for the primary and secondary phases of the school.

Data to support reasons

The decline in student numbers since 2021 is shown in the table below, numbers provided are as of the Autumn census date.

Academic Year	Year 12	Year 13	Total
25/26 (as of 06/10/25)	37	87	124
24/25 (as of 03/10/24)	94	84	178
23/24 (as of 05/10/23)	96	90	186
22/23 (as of 06/10/22)	115	104	219
21/22 (as of 07/10/21)	128	143	271

Other requirements

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, an application to make a significant change will be made.

In addition to this, an application to vary the admissions arrangements for September 2026 will be submitted. This will involve the removal of the following information from the admissions arrangements, and subsequent information regarding post 16 that appears within the in-year admissions and Waiting list and appeals sections.

Procedures for post-16 (sixth form) entry

There is a total of 240 places in post-16 (Years 12 & 13); with 120 places specifically for Year 12. Year 11 students at the academy, who meet the academic entry requirements, can progress automatically into Year 12. The PAN for external applications is 10.

The academy will admit up to ten applicants who meet the entry requirements, if sufficient applications are received. If fewer of the academy's Year 11 students' progress to post-16, additional external applicants will be admitted up to the overall Year 12 capacity.

Full details of the minimum and / or specific course entry requirements will be published in the post-16 information that is available annually on our website. Students not currently on roll at the Academy who wish to join post-16 must complete and submit a post-16 application form by the deadline stated on our website.

Where there are more applications than places available and those applicants meet the entry requirements, applications will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed above.

All applications received after the published deadline will be considered late applications. These will be considered after those received on time unless exceptional circumstances apply (for example, hospitalisation / serious illness of the applicant) that prevented the

application from being made on time. Documentation will need to be provided with the application to support the exceptional circumstance.

Late applicants will be offered places on courses with available space where they meet the entry requirements. If places are not available on some or all the courses applied for, applicants will need to choose an alternative course / s but can ask to be placed on the waiting list for the oversubscribed course / s.

If the significant change and variation to the admissions arrangements are agreed, the GIAS record for the academy will then be updated.

Consultation period and comments

The consultation will run from **Monday 10 November 2025 to Sunday 21 December 2025**.

Those who do not have access to the internet can request a paper copy of this document by contacting the Academy directly or our Trust Admissions Office:

- E-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com
- Telephone: 01274 089780 – option 7

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be made **before Monday 22 December 2025**.

You can submit comments via the [online form](#). If you wish to submit comments by e-mail or post, please include the name of the academy they relate to and send them to:

- e-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com
- post: Admissions, c/o Lewis Building, Dixons City Academy, Ripley Street, Bradford, BD5 7RR