

Outcome of consultation on closure of Post 16 at Dixons Broadgreen Academy

Summary of the consultation

Dixons Academies Trust consulted on the proposal to close the sixth form. The reasons behind the proposal are that in the last few years sixth form numbers have steadily decreased and are no longer viable. Recruitment into Year 12 ceased in 2025 as numbers had fallen below the level that is needed to offer appropriate study programmes. In addition, the retention rates and outcomes for both A levels and Applied courses have been significantly below the Liverpool average figures.

Consultation period

The consultation ran from Monday 17 November 2025 to Sunday 28 December 2025.

Responses to the consultation

Respondents were asked to indicate which of the following categories best represented their interest in this consultation.

| | Number of responses |
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| Parent | 0 |
| Member of staff | 0 |
| Local authority, academy trust or school | 1 |
| Member of the public | 0 |
| Councillor or MP | 0 |
| Community or religious organisation | 0 |
| Total | 1 |

Respondents were then asked to indicate whether they supported the removal of the sixth form provision.

| | Number of responses |
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| Yes | 0 |
| No | 0 |
| No comment / issues | 1 |
| Total | 1 |

Factors considered

- The decline in student numbers from 341 in 2021 to 200 in 2025, resulting in both a net liability and a narrowing of the options available to students limiting their choice of pathways.
- There are a wide range of post-16 educational establishments in the city that can offer the range of courses currently available at the Academy.
- The benefit that will be seen in the secondary phase in terms of resources, which will only be achievable through the closure of the sixth form.

Outcome

The Board of Trustees reviewed the responses to the outcome and considered the factors above. On balance they agreed with the proposal to close the sixth form due to the benefit that will ensue for both current and future pupils in the secondary phase of the Academy through an increase in available resource.

The Academy will now be required to make a significant change application to the Department for Education. If approved a variation to the admissions arrangements will then be made.

