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### Consultation – Proposal to increase student places at New College Doncaster

Since opening in 2017, the number of students at New College Doncaster has grown year-on-year and the college has now exceeded its planned growth to 1200, reaching 1332 in 2021. Applications for September 2022 are considerably higher than in previous years.

Data from the *Office for National Statistics (ONS)* shows that the number of 16-year olds in Doncaster is projected to grow by 14% over the next 5 years. This growth coincides with the closure of a number of local school sixth forms in recent years. There is therefore a significant risk that there will be an insufficient supply of high-quality academic level 3 provision in the local area.

We are proposing to seek formal approval for an increase in our *Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN)* and we are now beginning the required consultation process. The college is proposing to increase its Year 12 intake from 767 at census in 2021 to 876 by 2025, an increase of 109 Year 12 places. The number of Year 13 students would increase as a result.

However, we will only be able to deliver these increased numbers through capital expansion. Alongside, we will also submit a bid to the Department for Education for funding via the *Post-16 Capital Fund* so that we can expand the college's estate, ideally ready for September 2023.

We believe that these plans for a modest increase in student numbers, and the consequent widening of access to strong post-16 provision in Doncaster, will make a significant difference to the lives of young people and families in the local area.

As part of our consultation, we welcome feedback about our proposal from stakeholders via our online form. Thank you for your feedback, which you can share with us up until Wednesday 2 February using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XeK4jMMnxk>

Yours sincerely,



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