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Dear Parents

### **Consultation on proposed Devizes School satellite sixth form at Lavington School**

As you will be aware, Lavington School does not have its own sixth form. As a result, when Lavington School students complete Year 11 they have previously had to join other schools to continue to sixth form. Some students successfully join Devizes Sixth Form however, for a large number, this involves significant travel with the added disruption this brings.

Devizes School, part of The White Horse Federation, is working collaboratively with Lavington School as local providers of secondary education (the schools being less than six miles apart). As part of the development of this collaboration, Devizes School is proposing to open a satellite sixth form at Lavington School. Devizes School and Lavington School are both currently rated 'Good' overall by Ofsted, with Devizes School's sixth form provision also rated as 'Good'.

This satellite sixth form would be part of the Devizes Sixth Form and Devizes School would, as the approved sixth form provider, be responsible for delivering the Post 16 education to the students at both school sites. For those students who would ordinarily have joined the sixth form at Devizes School nothing will change, but they may now have the benefit of being able to study some additional subjects. However, this proposal would mean that some current Lavington students, depending on courses, could have the opportunity to be based at the satellite sixth form at Lavington School, with access to the main Devizes site via a minibus service.

Devizes School has a proven track record of high standards and achievement at Post 16. It would be responsible for all staff, the quality assurance and safeguarding involved in the provision of sixth form education at the satellite sixth form. The Lavington School teachers who are involved would continue to be employed by Lavington School, but would also be seconded to The White Horse Federation who would be responsible for managing them with respect to their sixth form teaching. Staff from Devizes School, directly employed by The White Horse Federation, would also be part of the satellite sixth form.

To be clear, students based at Lavington School would be attending Devizes Sixth Form. Potential students would apply using the Devizes School Application Forms and Procedures, and would be subject to the Devizes School Admissions Policy. They would be on-roll at Devizes School, and all certificates and qualifications would be issued from Devizes School Sixth Form.

Both Devizes School and Lavington School believe the proposal to create a satellite sixth form would increase the availability and range of sixth form education to children in our respective areas. It would also create collaborative opportunities for joint working and consequently raise standards even higher.

This letter is part of our consultation process, which ends on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 4pm. We welcome all feedback from our stakeholders before this date, which should be sent by email to either [pbevan@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pbevan@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) or [slowkis@lavington.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:slowkis@lavington.wilts.sch.uk)

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If you would like to hear more about the proposal and ask questions, there will be meetings held at both schools, when all are welcome to attend. These meeting will be held at:

- 6.00-7.00pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Devizes School; and
- 7.00-8.00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Lavington School.

This letter is also published on the websites of both schools.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Bevan', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

P Bevan  
Principal