



Consultation regarding the expansion of St John the Baptist School Sixth Form

From Friday 9th December 2022 to Monday 23rd January 2023, St John the Baptist School is running a formal consultation with relevant stakeholders and the community to explore the possible expansion of the existing Sixth Form.

The increase in the 16-19 demographic locally, based upon the numbers of students already in local schools and projected data provided by DfE and Surrey County Council, shows that in future years, the school may have to review its entrance criteria or reject a significant number of applicants, unless it is able to expand the College estate to create additional places for students.

The basis for the consultation is a proposal to expand St John the Baptist School Sixth Form to add a further 50 places into Year 12 starting in September 2024, increasing the total capacity of the Sixth Form to 400 (from 300 currently). The increase in capacity would require a newly built extension creating 5 additional classrooms, additional eating space and other associated facilities such as offices and toilets. This extension would be dependent on planning permission and funding through a Post-16 Capacity Fund application. It is not anticipated that we will need to make change to our current admissions policy at this time.

1. Why are we proposing to enlarge the number of places available at St John the Baptist Sixth Form College?

There is a significant rise in the number of 16-19 learners within Woking between now and 2030. There are only two local schools with Sixth Form places and one College – between them they will need to support an increase of an average of 303 students per year from September 2024. We forecast a significant increase in the number applicants to St John the Baptist Sixth Form and unless we are able to expand our estates and create additional spaces we will have to reject a high proportion of qualified applicants.

Details of projected numbers to St John the Baptist School Sixth Form are as follows:

	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28
Total projected learner admissions offered for Year 12	150	200	200	200	200
Total projected learner applications for Year 12	230	270	250	270	280

At the 2021 Spending Review, the Government announced the scheme to provide additional capital investment to ensure that post-16 providers can accommodate the expected demographic increase in 16 to 19-year-olds. The school has made an application to the Post 16 Capacity Fund that emerged from the Spending Review in order to facilitate its expansion to meet this local need.

As part of the bid, a review of the capacity restrictions has identified the following immediate requirements:

- Additional general classroom space to alleviate timetabling pressures and meet the predicted growth in 16-19 learners.
- Additional independent learning and 1-to-1 teaching spaces, which will enable existing staff office space to be returned to its intended use, helping create additional space for independent tuition, as well as providing more space for the growing number of staff.
- Additional social and eating space is required to alleviate pressures in the Sixth Form Café and enable students to eat on site.

2. How will the expansion be funded?

This proposal for expansion is dependent on the school receiving significant funding from the DfE for capital building works. The school has applied to the government's Post-16 Capacity Fund to secure funds to enable the development. The bulk of funding is anticipated to come from this application, with some additional funding being provided by the school. As the school is an Academy, a Significant Change proposal has been submitted to the Regional Director, alongside the funding bid itself.

3. How can I find out more information?

We and we would like to find out what families, staff, governors, and other interested members of the local community think about our proposal. To do this, we are starting the formal consultation process. The consultation opens on Friday 9 December and closes at midnight on Monday 23 January. We would like to hear your views about the proposal and hope that you will be able to attend the consultation meeting or complete the questionnaire over the page.

We will also hold an online consultation meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about the proposal on Monday 16 January at 2.45pm. This meeting can be accessed using the invite below.

<https://sib-surrey-sch-uk.zoom.us/j/94716644709?pwd=Vkr2QndnUIBjUthZ3NTWDBXWk52UT09>

Meeting ID: 947 1664 4709

Passcode: 293815

St John the Baptist School Sixth Form Expansion – public consultation feedback to be completed by deadline of midnight, Monday 23rd January 2022.

A copy of this form can be [completed electronically here](#). Alternatively you can email a completed version of the form below to consultations@sjb.surrey.sch.uk

We would like your comments on the proposals for St John the Baptist School Sixth Form outlined in the accompanying consultation document. Please read this document before completing this survey.

Q1. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposal to enlarge by expansion of St John the Baptist School Sixth Form?

- Agree Disagree Not sure/don't know

Q2. Do you wish to make any additional comments with regards to the proposed change to enlarge by expansion St John the Baptist Sixth Form?

About you

The information you give in this section is strictly confidential and will be used to analyse the responses. All questions are voluntary; please leave blank any you wish not to answer. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q3. To which of the following categories do you belong?

- Parent/carer Student Governor Member of college staff
- Local resident Other** ** Please specify.....

Q4. If you are a parent, what year is your child in?

Q5. If you are a student what year are you in?

Q6. Please tell us your postcode (not full address)

Please send any responses back by the deadline of midnight, 23rd January via email to consultations@sjb.surrey.sch.uk Thank you for completing this survey