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Diocese of Norwich
Education and
Academies Trust

Dear parents and carers

Open Academy Sixth Form

We are writing to inform you of an important decision regarding the future of the Sixth Form at Open Academy. After careful consideration and a thorough review, we have taken the difficult decision to suspend the admission of new students into our Sixth Form from September 2025.

This means that our current Year 12 students will continue their studies and complete their qualifications in Year 13 as planned. However, we will not be admitting a new Year 12 cohort in the next academic year. The current Year 12 cohort will be the last to study in our Sixth Form, at least for the time being.

This has not been an easy decision for the academy or the trust to take. However, it has become increasingly clear to us that our post-16 provision is not sustainable in its present form. A combination of falling student numbers, significantly increased financial pressures, and the challenge of offering a sufficiently broad and high-quality curriculum have all contributed to this outcome.

Our priority now is to ensure that current Sixth Form students continue to receive the very best support and teaching as they complete their studies. We remain fully committed to their success and will continue to provide high-quality learning experiences and pastoral care throughout the remainder of their time with us.

We are also committed to supporting current Year 11 students as they consider their next steps after GCSEs. Our pastoral team will work closely with students and families to ensure they are well informed about alternative post-16 pathways available locally and are supported in making successful transitions.

We understand that this news may be disappointing to you. We appreciate your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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