



## 1 Formal public consultation

A public consultation on the proposal to dissolve the governing body of the College and to convert to academy status was launched on 1 October 2020. During the 30-day period of consultation, we received several queries which are detailed together with our responses below.

## 2 Responses to questions received as part of the formal public consultation

**2.1 Question:** Do you envisage the college facilities expanding in the short to medium term in order to accommodate an increase in the number of students currently on roll?

**Response:** We currently do not have any plans to expand our facilities. The student population has been steadily growing over the past decade and we currently have 2235 students on roll. Our capacity on our town centre campus is 2300 and we have no plans to exceed this number.

**2.2 Question:** To continue to deliver a high-quality all-round education currently on offer, will existing levels of funding continue or will these in any way be compromised?

**Response:** The College is formula funded by the ESFA and this will not change after academisation.

**2.3 Question:** With all that it is going on at present, increased national debt and so on, there is a real chance that considerable pressure will be on educational budgets. If so, what further income streams are available to you?

**Response:** Following academisation, the College would become an educational institution within the Heart of Mercia Multi-Academy Trust. As an academy, the College would continue to rely on funding from the ESFA and we have no plans to engage in any commercial activity.

**2.4 Question:** Will existing sports opportunities continue to be available making best use of existing facilities on offer?

**Response:** We are committed to continuing to deliver A-level physical education and a range of sporting activities through our enrichment programme. We will continue to use our facilities on the town centre campus in addition to our facilities located in Oldswinford known as The Green Fields.