

7th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, when we first opened Watling Academy, I said that it was a priority of the CEO, Governors, staff and myself, as Headteacher, to secure Sixth Form provision for Watling Academy students and that wholeheartedly remains the case. In the background, my team and I have been working flat out on the Sixth Form project.

There has been a huge amount of work, time and effort gone on behind the scenes around Sixth Form planning. Last autumn, we heard from the DfE Academies Minister that we were successfully granted the change of age from 11-16 to now 11-18. This was a huge milestone, but there have been others to overcome and like so many things, there are lots of stages to overcome when dealing with government departments, planners and accountants. We are in the final stages of this work, and I will communicate with you once the details have been finalised with the relevant authorities. There will also be an event at Watling during October to go through the full offer for our students in detail.

With Year 10 drawing to a close, and your children entering their GCSE year, we remain passionately committed to opening the Sixth Form. In the meantime, we will push ahead with maximising the GCSE attainment and progress of your children and ensure a successful Year 11 for all our students.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ian Bacon
Headteacher