THE WINSFORD ACADEMY

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16th December 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for The Winsford Academy for admission in September 2026.

1. List of consultees:

   - Parents of Years 7-11
   - Cheshire West and Chester Admissions Authority
   - Cheshire East Admissions Authority
   - Other secondary and primary schools in Winsford and adjacent towns
   - Other interested parties via the Halliard Trust and school websites

2. Consultation period

   Consultation will take place for 6 weeks from Monday 16th December 2024 to Monday 27th January 2025

3. Consultation details:

   The Halliard Trust invites you to take part in the consultation on admissions arrangements for The Winsford Academy applicable for admissions in September 2026. The key area for consultation is in relation to a reduction in planned admission number (PAN) for Sept 2026, from 240 to 180.

   This is to support effective and efficient workforce planning and resource deployment in response to variance in pupil numbers and places offered by other schools locally.

   Specifically, demand for school places in The Winsford Academy has fallen as a result of:

   - Increase in planned admission number for the County High School Leftwich from 195 to 210 (2022)
   - Increase in planned admission number for Tarporley High School from 180 to 210 (2023)
   - Increase in planned admission number for Hartford C of E High School from 210 to 240 (2023)
   - Increase in planned admission number for St Nicholas Catholic High School from 215 to 224 (2024)
   - Increase in planned admission number for Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School from 210 to 240 (2023). HCCS admissions have a knock-on effect to available places at Middlewich High School, which draws from the Winsford catchment.
   - Falling pupil numbers in The Winsford Academy's feeder primary schools, including Wharton CE Primary School, which is currently consulting on a reduction in PAN from 60 to 30.

   The policy being consulted on can be found on the Trust's website: Policies – Halliard Trust

4. Responding to the consultation

   The consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 27th January 2025. Any responses received after this time will not be considered during the determination of the final policy document. All responses must be sent to the Company Secretary of Halliard Trust, Alison Nuttall, either by post, care of Jane Fox, The Winsford Academy, Grange Lane, Winsford, CW7 2BT, or by completing this form **Winsford Academy consultation form**.

5. Determination and publication

After the end of the consultation process the Board of Trustees will consider each of the responses received by the deadline. The outcomes of the consideration(s) will be published on the school website by 31st January 2025 and the final policy will be sent to the Local Authority and published on the school website in compliance with the School's Admissions Code 2021

Yours faithfully



Ms E McLaren
Principal