



Notice of consultation for change of age range at Dorset Studio School, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8PX

The Proposal

- To admit years 7 and 8 to the school from September 2019.
- To change the age range of the school from 13 to 19, to 11-16.
- To maintain the current admission number of 75 for each year group.
- To maintain the size of the school at its current admission total of 375.

The Offer

The year 7 and 8 curriculum will be a unique offer of the national curriculum, delivered within a framework of outdoor learning, to reflect the land and animal based focus of Dorset Studio School.

Consultation

The period of consultation begins on Monday 8th January and continues until Monday 19th of February 2018.

A public meeting will be held at Dorset Studio School on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 6.00pm.

A feedback form is attached to this document.

Comments and suggestions can be emailed to simon.bradbury@dorsetstudioschool.co.uk



Reasons for the proposal

Post 16 learning and GCSEs have changed significantly in their delivery method and examination process. Our sponsorship establishments, Thomas Hardy School and Kingston Maurward College, provide high quality post 16 education. Neither provision, however, offers education in years 7 and 8, thus Dorset Studio School would be enhancing the joint sponsorship offer to local families.

The school is situated in an area designated for expansion, however, there are already children in the system who require places at 11 and 13.

The collaborative offer across all three establishments will provide the local community with a broad and balanced qualifications pathway and add to the richness, choice and diversity of learning across Dorset and its neighbouring counties.

Outcome summary

This proposal will provide an 11 to 19 learning campus, on the Kingston Maurward Estate that meets the needs of the rural community.

Students will be able to follow their land and animal based courses in an environment in which they already study and with staff they already know. The Kingston Maurward and Dorset Studio School Partnership will be able to meet the needs of all students in the 11 to 19 age range.

Thomas Hardy School has an outstanding A Level programme which will add depth to the Post 16 learning opportunities available to our students.

Students at Dorset Studio School work very closely with our sponsor schools, thus there will be the opportunity to transition seamlessly into a suitable post 16 learning programme at either establishment.



Your view

We are seeking feedback to help inform the decision making process. Consultation is taking place from January the 8th until February the 1st 2018. No decision will be made until the consultation process has been completed.

Should you wish to comment on this proposal please return the attached form to Simon Bradbury, Consultation Coordinator at Dorset Studio School. You are also able to respond on line, a copy of the form is available on our web site at www.dorsetstudioschool.co.uk

Your view

Do you support the proposal to change the admission age range of Dorset Studio School from 13 to 19 to 11 to 16?

✓ x

Do you disagree with the proposal to change the admission age range of Dorset Studio School from 13 to 19 to 11 to 16?

✓ x

Optional comments

Designation ✓ x

Parent/Carer Staff Community member School representative

Signed _____ Date _____

All feedback must be returned by 12pm on the 1st of February 2018

Thank you very much for taking the time to provide feedback, your views will be very helpful in shaping the future direction of Dorset Studio School.

