



Public Consultation

March 2024

Proposal for The Blackpool Sixth Form College to become a 16-19 Academy

Timeline

4th March- 4th April 2024
Public Consultation period

Mid-June 2024
Summary of consultation
published

1st July 2024



Your view matters

Over the past 18 months, The Blackpool Sixth Form College has been considering the potential benefits to education in this area of converting to a 16-19 Academy and becoming part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We want to join with other like-minded and high-quality local schools on a partnership of equal basis to form an organisation that will further develop and enhance the education and life chances of the young people in this area. Other partners have accompanied us on this journey and the governing bodies of each of the schools and the college are proud to present for consultation the formation of a local Multi Academy Trust – a group of four secondary schools and a sixth form college who wish to establish a MAT to serve the students, parents/carers, employers and local communities of this area. The name of the Trust will be The Coastal Collaborative Trust.

Our intention is to preserve everything that is special about Blackpool Sixth that our students, parents/carers, staff and our communities value, whilst working with our partners to create something better than the sum of its parts.

This document outlines our proposition, as well as the benefits to students, staff and local communities.

Callum Baxter
Chair of Directors

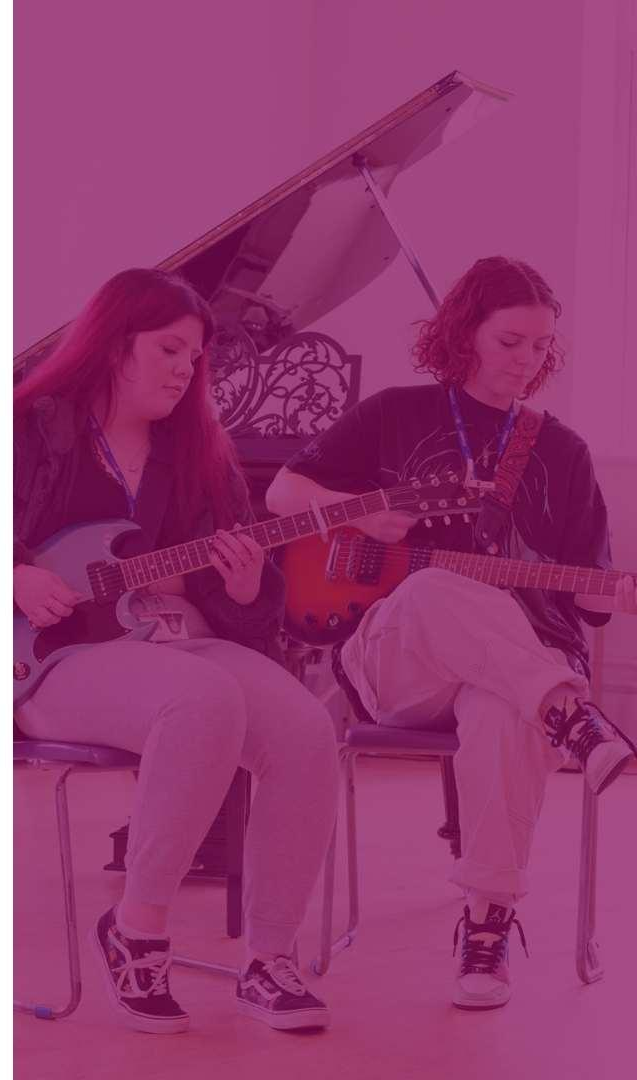
Our vision

We believe that by coming a 16-19 Academy and becoming part of a new Multi Academy Trust, serving young people from 11-19 years of age, we can support high academic attainment, social mobility and future success for all of our students, current and future. By forming a new Multi Academy Trust, each organisation will be able to go beyond what any individual school or college can achieve. We will create a better resources, better connected and better supported organisation with the capacity, skill and influence to positively impact the futures of more young people through mutual support and sustainable growth.

The Blackpool Sixth Form College will retain all of its unique identity and characteristics, continuing to grow and develop its strong relationships with existing partners, and also belong to a group of providers where collaboration will enhance and strengthen us all.



Our mission: **Inspiring Learning, Developing Character, Building Futures.**



Benefits of becoming a 16-19 Academy

For Blackpool Sixth students, current and future:

- Enhanced transition support between school and college
- Greater continuity of learning experience between school and college
- Access to a more extensive programme of enrichment
- Peer mentoring opportunities
- Access to a wider pool of staff expertise and specialisms
- Wider partnership, enhancing the knowledge and skills of young people and increasing social mobility
- Seamless progression for students within the Trust and beyond into Higher Education, apprenticeships and employment
- An even better resourced college



Benefits of becoming a 16-19 Academy

For Blackpool Sixth staff:

- The opportunity to be a system leader and have increased oversight of/influence over curriculum and teaching in different phases of education locally
- New opportunities to share teaching and learning strategies and expertise across phases
- Increased investment in facilities and resources
- A larger and more diverse peer support network including involvement in cross-trust groups
- Strengthened leadership and governance to support all colleagues
- Progression and career development opportunities across the Trust
- An employer that is better placed to adapt to external changes and take opportunities as they arise
- An employer with greater influence in the locality and beyond
- New opportunities to develop skills and expertise within the Trust
- Additional financial stability and sustainability





Benefits of becoming a 16-19 Academy

For universities, employers and local communities:

- Enhanced partnership working within a Trust that has great breath and reach
- Strengthened capacity for engagement, collaboration and information sharing with all stakeholders
- For employers and universities, access to students with highly developed skills for learning and work
- Stronger relationships built over many years and phases of education
- Enhanced opportunities for innovation and the flexibility to respond to local and national needs
- More opportunities to engage with and support local community, voluntary and charity groups
- The opportunity to play a greater part in and benefit from extensive employability activities through the learning journey
- Opportunities to engage with students from an early age to promote higher education and employment prospects

Statutory Notice: of the Proposed Dissolution of The Blackpool Sixth Form College

This notice is given by the Corporation of The Blackpool Sixth Form College, Blackpool Old Road, Blackpool, FY3 7LR in accordance with the Further Education Corporation (Publication of Proposals) (England) Regulations 2012, S1 2012 No.1157. The Corporation proposes for the dissolution of The Blackpool Sixth Form College and the subsequent transfer of the property, rights and liabilities to The Coastal Collaborative Trust.

The Blackpool Sixth Form College provides sixth form education for 16-19 year old students across a wide curriculum comprising A level and Level 3 Applied General courses, GCSE resit Maths and English courses and a small number of Level 2 courses. The current number of students is 1994, all of whom are full time.

The date proposed for the dissolution of The Blackpool Sixth Form College as a designated Sixth Form College and the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities to The Coastal Collaborative Trust is 1 July 2024 (or as soon as possible thereafter). All students currently attending The Blackpool Sixth Form College will continue their education in the new 16-19 academy. There are no plans to alter the education provision currently provided by The Blackpool Sixth Form College.

A copy of the consultation document relating to these proposals is available free of charge at www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/consultation.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, consultation on these proposals will run from 4th March to 4th April 2024. All responses and representations must be made by 8th April 2024.

A summary of the consultation and its outcome will be published within two months beginning on the date after the end of the consultation period. The summary will be available on the college's website www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk



Your views

The governing body invites you to share your views on the conversion to a 16-19 Academy. The questions below can be answered by using our online feedback form at www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/consultation or [Click here to open the survey](#)

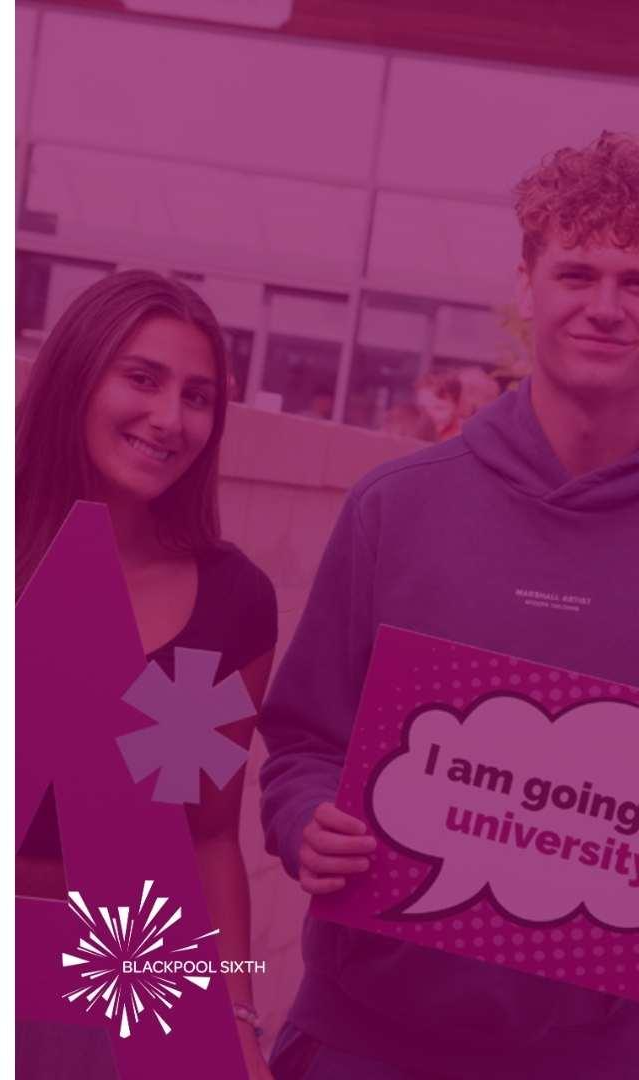
All responses must be received by 4th April 2024 to be considered as part of the consultation process.

Consultation questions:

Please select the category(ies) that best describe you:

- Blackpool Sixth student
 - Prospective Blackpool Sixth student or parent/carer/guardian
 - Blackpool Sixth staff
 - Trade Union representative
 - Parent/Carer/Guardian
 - School
 - Other FE institution
 - HE institution
 - Employer
 - Local government
 - Government body
 - Other
1. Do you have any comments/questions about the proposal for The Blackpool Sixth Form College to become a 16-19 Academy and be a founding member of a new Multi Academy Trust called The Coastal Collaborative Trust?

Please provide details





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