

Appendix 4: Addey and Stanhope Statutory Notice

Proposal to open a sixth form at Addey & Stanhope School.

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lewisham intends to make a prescribed alteration to Addey & Stanhope Voluntary aided 472 New Cross Road London SE14 6TJ from 01 September 2013.

The vision is one of a small, high achieving, and academically excellent sixth form. It is intended to be the natural destination for our more able students and will build on the continued academic improvement in Addey & Stanhope School over the last five years. Whilst the sixth form will meet the needs of many of our students it will not replace the excellent curriculum provision in colleges such as Lewisham. The sixth form will reach a maximum size of 200 students and these students will form the pinnacle of student leadership within the school. We will primarily recruit students from Addey & Stanhope School; however we will also admit students from other schools who want to join the Addey & Stanhope family. The sixth form will be based on the current site and will operate as part of the whole school rather than as a separate entity. The intention is to fully prepare students for university and further education and training as well as the world of work by supporting student's academic and personal development. We will provide a taught curriculum for the vast majority of the timetable as we believe our students enjoy and will make most progress with the type of provision. However we will also encourage students to develop interests and experiences across a wide range of activities to develop the cultural capital of all students as we feel this is vital to enable them to access the top universities. It is intended that the sixth form will make full use of the superb IT facilities we will have as a result of our BSF project. This to prepare them for the experience they will have a university or work. IT will be an integral part of all teaching as every student in the school will use their own laptop in every appropriate lesson. **Rationale** The rationale for opening a sixth form at Addey & Stanhope School is drawn from our analysis of the past five years destination data for our students. This shows that form students are travelling to sixth form provision as far apart as Richmond in the west to Dartford in the east to access a relatively small range of courses. Located on the borders of Greenwich and Southwark means that we are perfectly poised to be able to accommodate the students from those boroughs who attend Addey & Stanhope School at ages from 11 – 16. Students who attend other sixth form / FE colleges appear to have a relatively high dropout rate post 16 even though they enter with appropriate GCSE's. Students who return to visit the school often comment that they wish there was a sixth form at Addey & Stanhope School, as they miss the family atmosphere, the fact that all staff know their strengths and weaknesses and the determination that they do as well as they possibly can. We, and they, are ambitious for their success and are keen to support their academic progress.

The current capacity of the school is 600 and the proposed capacity will be 800. The current admission number for the school is 120 and the proposed admission number will be 120.

Governing Body Specific Resolution – The Governing body of Addey & Stanhope School, having carefully considered the matter at a governing body meeting on 28/11/2012, have decided opening a sixth form from September 2013. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Head Teacher Ms Ann Potter and the Chair of Governors Mr Cliff Hardcastle c/o Addey & Stanhope School.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Ms Sulke, Executive Director of Children and Young People, Schools Team 3rd Floor Laurence House, London Borough of Lewisham Catford SE6 4RU.