

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF ADDEY AND STANHOPE SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013/3110 that the Addey and Stanhope School Governing Body intends to change the age range of Addey and Stanhope School from 11-18 year olds to 11-16 year olds. The anticipated implementation date of this prescribed alteration is 31 August 2019.

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This is a voluntary aided school.

Description of alteration:

The Addey and Stanhope School Governing Body proposes that Addey and Stanhope School's age range should change to facilitate the closure of its 6th Form provision from 31 August 2019.

This proposed alteration follows a previous decision by the Governing Body to suspend entry to the 6th Form phase, taken in August 2016, and seeks to make that previous decision permanent

The proposal means that as of 31 August 2019 Addey and Stanhope School would provide for pupils aged 11-16.

Rationale:

The decision to suspend the sixth form outlined concerns focused on the following factors and these are still relevant to the closure:

1. Recruitment

In the current competitive climate the recruitment of students to the sixth form did not meet its targets over the final four years of its operation resulting in a 50% under-utilisation of the provision.

2. Retention

The retention of students from Year 12 to Year 13 at Addey and Stanhope was 79%. This further reduced numbers and together with the under-recruitment of students it is a reasonable conclusion that the sixth form is not viable, with many subjects inevitably running with very small numbers.

3. The sixth form curriculum offer

The sixth form offer is limited (14 A Level subjects and four Level 3 vocational qualifications) and there is strong local competition from larger, well-established providers that have a more comprehensive offer. Small class sizes are not financially viable nor can they offer effective teaching, learning and assessment or a quality experience for students.

4. Standards and student outcomes

The original proposal for post-16 provision described how Addey and Stanhope planned a sixth form which would be high achieving and academically excellent. However, with the first full KS5 examination results the quality of outcomes were unsatisfactory, and below local and national benchmarks. This had a negative impact on student choice, the promotion and reputation of the sixth form, and future recruitment.

5. The capacity of the leadership team to manage priorities in the school

The school has had a range of urgent priorities, not least regarding the improvement in performance at KS3 and KS4. The suspension of the sixth form has allowed significant improvement at KS3 and KS4 in order to ensure good outcomes for the next Ofsted inspection and support recruitment at Year 7.

6. The financial viability of the sixth form

The reality is that the sixth form is being subsidised from the budget for KS3 and KS4 and there reaches a point where this may be impacting on KS3 and KS4 funding. The current suspension has allowed staff resources to be reduced and reallocated with associated savings.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The change in age range proposed would be implemented on 31 August 2019.

Effect on other educational institutions in the area:

It is not anticipated that the proposed change in age range of Addey and Stanhope School will have any impact on other educational facilities within the local area, as the School had already suspended its 6th Form provision, and so the prescribed change should not create any pressure on other local provisions.

Project Costs:

There are no costs associated with this proposal

Commenting on the proposal:

Within five weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may comment on, support, or object to the proposal via email to info@as.lewisham.sch.uk or in writing to: Chair of Governors, Addey and Stanhope School, 472 New Cross Road, London SE14 6TJ.

Signed: Paul Trynka, Chair of Governors, Addey and Stanhope School

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