

The Spring Market Lavington Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 4EB

Dear Headteachers, School Governors, Parents/Carers, Students and our Community,

Lavington School Consultation on Post-16 provision for September 2024 (from Monday 9th May 2023 - Monday 9th June – 2023)

We are consulting our local community on whether there is support to amend the age range of Lavington Secondary School from age 11-16 years to 11-18 years, this is therefore to include Post 16 education. The Department for Education (DfE) recognise this as a 'significant change' and it requires a full consultation to be submitted alongside our application.

We are currently preparing a full business case to submit to the DfE. As the proposal is a 'significant change' it will require ministerial approval.

In 2020 a partnership between Devizes School and Lavington School was established and a successful Post 16 offer was provided to students. Although the partnership will end in August 2024 when all current students have completed their courses, it demonstrated the desire from Lavington students to stay within the school and their ability to achieve exceptional results.

Over the last three years Lavington staff have successfully delivered a wide range of Post 16 courses. Students have gained exceptional results with almost all of Year 13 students in 2022 taking up places in their first choice universities and high quality apprenticeships. Lavington School is a popular, high achieving school that continues to be oversubscribed and we want to enable our students to continue their education in our well supported environment that is an achievable distance from their homes.

We believe it is important to provide a continuity of education and provide a pathway from 2yrs – 18yrs within our local community. Our Post 16 offer will complement other providers, yet look to provide a breadth of courses that would be suitable to all.

We would welcome your comments prior to the close of the consultation. Therefore, we include this <u>Google Form</u> to enable us to capture your opinions and thoughts.

With thanks,

Paul Skipp Chief Executive Officer