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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As you may be aware, we have been in discussion with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) on how to meet local educational needs as more houses are built and secondary school pupil numbers increase. As a result of this I am delighted to advise that this week the council has approved funding for our new teaching block which, subject to planning permission being granted, will be built towards the front of our site.

The new teaching block would support meeting local education demands by;

- From September 2023 for 1 academic year, housing the new Year 7 intake (up to 180 students) for Oakley Grove School whilst their new school is built near Bishops Tachbrook.
- Allowing Myton School to support the local authority with any bulge year groups as a result of local population increases.
- In the longer term, serving as a base for our over-subscribed and outstanding Sixth Form as it potentially expands to around 550 students from its current 380.

In order to meet the local demand for school places, WCC are planning to build a brand new all-through school to accommodate students from nursery age up to Year 11 near Bishops Tachbrook. The new school, currently referred to as Oakley Grove, is required for a new Year 7 intake of around 180 students in 2023, however, this school won't be ready until September 2024. Neither WCC, Myton School or local parents want to see 11 year olds in our community have a first year in secondary education in temporary accommodation somewhere in the local area without access to secondary school facilities. Therefore, working with WCC and the appointed Multi Academy Trust to manage Oakley Grove, we will house the Oakley Grove Year 7s in the new block and make sure those students also have access to specialist learning environments i.e., PE, D&T and Science within the Myton School site. Once Oakley Grove School is built for the academic year 2024/25, the students will move to their new premises and we will take over our new building and meet the demand for post-16 places.

These plans are all subject to planning permission being granted for our new teaching block which is currently being reviewed by Warwick District Council Planning Department. If we are successful in our planning application, the construction of the teaching block will commence this summer ready for Oakley Grove to move in in September 2023.

We will be in touch again, later in the summer, with more details once we know the planning decision. Pending this decision, we will continue to work with the council, transport, architects and the construction company to make sure any potential impact on our neighbours, traffic and our students is minimised.

Finally, this is an exciting development for Myton School and will provide a much needed improvement to the experience of our wonderful Sixth Formers. Our vision has always been to meet the educational demands of our community and our partnership with WCC and Oakley Grove will make sure that students locally will have a great secondary experience whether they be at Myton or Oakley Grove and that there are school places for everybody who needs them.

Yours sincerely



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