

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MYTON SCHOOL SIXTH FORM WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Overview

The purpose of this additional consultation is to expand on our exciting proposals for increasing the Sixth Form at Myton School and to enable local stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on these proposals. This consultation follows on from the initial expansion consultation that ran between 6 February 2023 and 31 March 2023 which originally proposed that the expansion commence from September 2025. The expansion is now proposed to commence from September 2026.

Background

Myton School obtained planning permission in May 2022 to build a new 18 classroom teaching block (the new build) at the front of the school site – as shown in *illustrations 1 & 2* below. Building work commenced in July 2022 with the building completed in August 2023. The new build has been designed to enable Myton School to use the accommodation either for main school (Years 7 – 11) or Sixth Form as the building provides 18 generic classroom spaces including 1 ICT suite and 2 flexible areas that can either be used as large spaces or 5 general classrooms.

Upon agreement with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Stowe Valley MAT (SVM), the new build has initially been used to accommodate 160 Year 7 students from Oakley School whilst this new school is getting built in the Bishops Tachbrook area. The new Oakley School is due to be completed in August 2024 and the Oakley School students will vacate the Myton School Sixth Form new build to enable full use of the new build by Myton School from 1 September 2024.

Illustration 1



Illustration 2



Student Numbers

Myton School's student capacity was 1,702 students since July 2011. Improvements have been made to the school site since then and Myton School has been able to accommodate additional students in Year 7 and across the school upon request from WCC.

Figure 1 below shows the overall student numbers (including Sixth Form) from 2011 to 2023. A retrospective significant change request was approved by the Regional Schools Commission in June 2023 with effect from September 2021 to increase the school capacity from 1,702 to 1,780.

Sixth Form numbers increased significantly up to 341 in September 2019. Sixth Form numbers have increased year-on-year from this point, peaking at 402 in September 2022.

Unfortunately, due to the RAAC lower school building closure on 1 September 2023, we lost 12 Year 12 students who started on 1 September 2023 but left before October 2023 census day due to disruption to learning. 2023/24 student numbers have therefore not been included in the projected numbers below.

Proposed Expansion of Student Numbers in the Sixth Form

Myton School currently accommodates its Sixth Form students in 2 A-frame temporary units dating back to the 1990s which were bought second hand and installed at Myton School in about 2005/2010. The 2 A-frame temporary units will be demolished (planning condition) 2 years after the Myton School Sixth Form population has relocated to the new build – confirmed to be 1 September 2024 once Oakley School vacates the building. The temporary buildings will be demolished around 2027/28 as part of the School Rebuild Programme. The increase in capacity of the Sixth Form is therefore limited to taking 550 students across Years 12 and 13, due to the loss of the current accommodation. The increase in Sixth Form numbers is therefore 155 students over a number of years from September 2026 to September 2030, taking the current student numbers from 395 to 550.

Figure 1

ACTUAL STUDENT NUMBERS (BASED ON CENSUS) PLUS PROJECTED STUDENT NUMBERS													
ACTUAL NUMBERS - drives following years funding													
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
POST-16													
Year 13	123	122	134	123	147	131	132	130	146	188	180	206	192
% From Prior Year 12	76%	73%	81%	73%	83%	90%	96%	96%	99%	96%	93%	99%	98%
Year 12	166	165	168	178	145	137	135	147	195	194	208	196	184
% From Prior Year 11	62%	62%	62%	68%	53%	54%	57%	54%	74%	71%	77%	74%	67%
6th form sub-total	289	287	302	301	292	268	267	277	341	382	388	402	376
PRE-16													
Year 11	266	271	261	275	252	235	271	265	273	270	266	274	271
% retention	100%	101%	99%	100%	97%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	102%	103%	102%
Year 10	269	263	274	260	237	275	266	269	271	262	266	265	277
% retention	101%	100%	100%	97%	100%	95%	98%	99%	100%	98%	102%	99%	99%
Year 9	262	273	267	238	288	271	272	272	267	262	269	281	283
% retention	98%	99%	101%	101%	98%	100%	99%	99%	102%	103%	104%	98%	100%
Year 8	275	264	236	293	272	275	274	261	254	259	288	282	278
% retention	100%	100%	101%	98%	97%	98%	100%	101%	101%	101%	102%	101%	100%
Year 7	265	233	298	279	280	275	259	251	257	283	280	278	281
Main School sub-total	1,337	1,304	1,336	1,345	1,329	1,331	1,342	1,318	1,322	1,336	1,369	1,380	1,390
Total Students on Roll	1,626	1,591	1,638	1,646	1,621	1,599	1,609	1,595	1,663	1,718	1,757	1,782	1,766
Capacity / Funding Agreement	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,702	1,780	1,780	1,780

Our Sixth Form Applications

Sixth Form applications have been on the increase since 2019/20 both internally and externally as shown in **Figure 2** below.

Myton School has spent a significant amount of resource to develop our Sixth Form curriculum to meet both the needs of our students but also the needs of the local area by working with local employers to understand the needs of future employers.

Myton School Sixth Form was rated “Outstanding” at the last Ofsted inspection that took place in 2023.

Due to the size of the main school and the continuing demand for Sixth Form places, Myton Sixth Form has been able to develop and offer a wide ranging curriculum which includes 27 A level subjects, 5 BTEC subjects, and 2 diploma level courses – refer to [Sixth Form Prospectus - Myton School](#) on the school’s website for more information relating to the extensive curriculum on offer.

Figure 2

6th Form applications / numbers	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 estimate	
Applications - internal	193	196	207	202	193	198	
Applications - external	59	87	75	132	102	149	
Waiting list				15	20		
	252	283	282	349	315	347	
Students commencing in Sept - internal	170	162	169	149	136	150	2023/24 internal starters impacted by
Students commencing in Sept - external	25	33	39	49	50	55	Reflecting significant increase in
Year 12 total - Sept start	195	195	208	198	186	205	
Numbers as per Oct Census	195	194	208	196	184		

WCC Predicted Growth in Sixth Form Place Demand

Due to the significant growth in housing developments across the local area of Leamington Spa and Warwick that commenced back in 2017 and continues to grow, WCC has predicted a shortfall in Sixth Form places in September 2028 – refer to **Figure 3** below.

Figure 3 – (source WCC – February 2024)

Warwick and Leamington Secondary Pupil Forecasts 2024 (live model -current approved housing development)				
Post-16				
Academic year	PAN (combined capacity)	Forecast pupil numbers	Available Places	capacity %
2023	1165	983	182	16%
2024	1165	1036	129	11%
2025	1165	1081	84	7%
2026	1165	1097	68	6%
2027	1165	1115	50	4%
2028	1165	1173	-8	-1%
2029	1165	1209	-44	-4%
2030	1165	1190	-25	-2%
2031	1165	1206	-41	-3%
2032	1165	1175	-10	-1%
2033	1165	1162	3	0%
2034	1165	1188	-23	-2%

WCC numbers do not factor in an expansion of Myton School Sixth Form. WCC numbers also do not include pending housing development planning applications in the area.

WCC aims to run at a capacity of +4% each year. As can be seen, the surplus in Sixth Form places starts decreasing from 2025 and hits the +4% capacity in September 2027 with a deficit in places forecast from September 2028 onwards. In addition, Oakley School is not planning on opening a Sixth Form and so places for the Oakley School cohort of 180 students per year will also need to be factored into the forecasts from 2030 onwards.

Figure 4 below shows the expansion in Sixth Form numbers that is likely to commence in 2026/27 when year 12 intake is predicted to increase from 196 (in 2022/23) to 220 in 2026/27. NB 2023/24 Year 12 numbers are discounted as we lost 12 Year 12 students who started at Myton School on 1 September 2023 but left before October 2023 census day citing the impact of the RAAC building closure and subsequent short-term disruption to learning. Year 2024/25 and 2025/26 Year 12 admissions are predicted to be at 205 each year – similar to the pre-2023/24 numbers.

The predicted increase to 550 (Year 12 & 13) is not anticipated to happen until 2030 /31 when new Oakley School will start having students eligible for Sixth Form admission.

Figure 4

ACTUAL STUDENT NUMBERS (BASED ON CENSUS) PLUS PROJECTED STUDENT NUMBERS									
	ACTUAL NUMBERS - drives following years funding		PROJECTED						
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
POST-16					Begin 6th form expansion				
Year 13	206	192	180	205	205	220	220	245	255
<i>% From Prior Year 12</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>94%</i>
Year 12	196	184	205	205	220	220	245	270	295
<i>% From Prior Year 11</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>102%</i>	<i>104%</i>
6th form sub-total	402	376	385	410	425	440	465	515	550
PRE-16									
Year 11	274	271	277	282	278	281	265	284	284
<i>% retention</i>	<i>103%</i>	<i>102%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Year 10	265	277	283	278	281	265	284	284	284
<i>% retention</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Year 9	281	283	278	281	265	284	284	284	284
<i>% retention</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Year 8	282	278	281	265	284	284	284	284	284
<i>% retention</i>	<i>101%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Year 7	278	281	265	284	284	284	284	284	284
Main School sub-total	1,380	1,390	1,384	1,390	1,392	1,398	1,401	1,420	1,420
Total Students on Roll	1,782	1,766	1,769	1,800	1,817	1,838	1,866	1,935	1,970
Capacity / Funding Agreement	1,780	1,780	1,780	1,780	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970