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Dear parent/guardian

I am writing to make you aware of a development regarding Stockton Sixth Form College which will be of interest to you.

As you may be aware, we have been working hard over the past two years to make decisive changes to continue our journey to become an 'Outstanding' college and enhance your son or daughter's experience at Stockton Sixth Form. Part of this work has involved working closely with another sixth form college in Guisborough; Prior Pursglove College. This partnership has involved sharing staff and support services and has proved very effective.

Detailed consideration has been given to enable both colleges to reach the highest standards whilst continuing to make cost savings. As such, the governing bodies of both colleges have agreed to conduct a consultation around a proposal to merge, which will begin on 17th September 2015.

There will be no change to the day-to-day experience of college life for your son or daughter. They will continue to access the same courses at the same location, just as before. However, it will allow us to share key services and functions across the two sites which will make us more efficient and effective. Part of this work will involve shared leadership. Subject to the outcome of consultation, the intention is that Joanna Bailey, currently Principal at Stockton Sixth Form College, will be appointed to the role of Principal of the merged college to oversee the strategic direction of both sites.

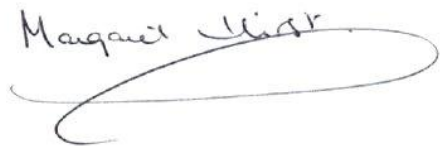
Both sites will continue to operate exactly as currently; the only change I would expect your son or daughter to notice is a positive one, in terms of an improved enrichment offer or trips and visits at a lower price.

This proposal will secure both colleges' future prosperity against a backdrop of funding cuts and the need to achieve ever greater efficiencies. It will also enable us to retain and strengthen sixth form college education on both sites and in both boroughs.



We want to hear your views about these proposals and to this end invite you to a drop-in consultation meeting at Stockton Sixth Form College on Tuesday 22nd September from 5.00-7.00pm. Please find enclosed a consultation document for your perusal. Your views will shape and influence the way the proposal is taken forward.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Hirst". The signature is written in black ink and features a large, sweeping flourish that loops under the name.

Margaret Hirst
Chair of Governors

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Bailey". The signature is written in black ink and is more compact than the signature above it.

Joanna Bailey
Principal