

Dear student,

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

You will be aware that we have been working hard over the last two years to make decisive changes to enhance your experience of learning 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.

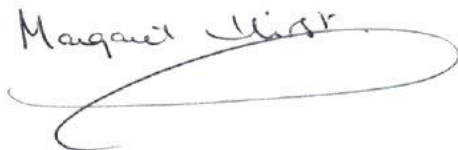
Detailed consideration has been given to enable both colleges to reach the highest standards whilst continuing to make cost savings. As such, the governing bodies of both colleges have agreed to conduct a consultation around a proposal to merge, and we want to hear your views.

This proposal will not adversely affect your experience of college in any way, shape or form. You 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.

Our hope is that there will be benefits in terms of enhanced enrichment opportunities, joint trips and visits and a safeguarding of everything we hold most dear about our college.

There will be an opportunity to come along and ask questions about this proposal on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1-2pm in the Training Room. we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Hirst". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the left and right.

Margaret Hirst,  
Chair of Governors