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Intention to extend age range to 11-16 and join a Multi Academy Trust

Dear parents, carers and community stakeholders,

Future direction and developments 2020-22

As many of you will know, it has long been our desire to work collaboratively with other partner schools and to bring about age range change in our area so that Ivanhoe College/Ibstock Community College can extend our provision for students by becoming an 11-16 school.

Lots of planning has been going on in the background for some time with the governing board and senior leaders keen to make this change for the benefit of all children and families in the area. This change would bring us into line with all other secondary schools in Leicestershire and most schools across the country.

We want to work together with local secondary schools with the aim of the highest quality of education across the whole area. We have looked carefully at the options, concentrating on local successful MATs that share our values, ambition and approach to education.

Multi academy trust and age range change – LiFE MAT (www.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk)

We are pleased to be able to tell you that our preferred MAT is LiFE Multi Academy Trust, based at Bosworth Academy in Desford. We have been in discussion with them over the last year, together with Ivanhoe College/Ibstock Community College.

We firmly believe that joining LiFE MAT will provide significant benefits to Ivanhoe College/ Ibstock Community College and there will be a range of educational and professional opportunities created, including the implementation of age range change.

Look out for our consultation information coming soon ...

There are obviously various formal and legal processes to go through and a full consultation with staff, parents and all community stakeholders, and a thorough due diligence process, will be an important part of this. However, we thought it right to give you the information at an early stage and more information will follow within the next month.

Our provisional intended timescale for changes, subject to the formal processes being in place, is to join LiFE MAT within this academic year 2020-21, and to work towards age range change being implemented as soon as is possible which could be from Autumn 2022 or 2023. I must stress this is an aspirational timescale and therefore subject to change.

Yours faithfully,

Anne-Marie Blewitt

Executive Headteacher

