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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you will be aware, Northumberland County Council is currently consulting on Education in the West ([click here](#)). They have proposed 3 models; all would mean school closures and one would mean Corbridge Middle School shutting. As Hadrian Learning Trust is an academy, it is not part of the NCC consultation. They have now also gone out to consultation.

This is the accompanying message that the parents of pupils at Hexham Middle School and Queen Elizabeth High School received.

Dear Parent / Carer

Hadrian Learning Trust is consulting on proposals for significant changes at Hexham Middle School and Queen Elizabeth High School. This consultation begins today, Friday 2 March, and ends on Thursday 29 March, 2018. The document, which includes details on how to respond, can be found on our schools' websites.

It is important to us that you respond to this consultation. Although your child may have left school by the time any proposed changes take effect, we believe they could be impacted as early as next year, should the changes we are proposing not go ahead. Significant further cuts would have to be made, which will have a direct impact on our children's education. Teaching and support staff would have to be cut as the curriculum is reduced. Class sizes would inevitably grow. Investment in ICT would reduce further and our ability to retain and attract the very best staff would diminish.

We do not want this to happen, hence our difficult decision to embark upon this process. Please support us.

*Yours faithfully
Graeme Atkins
Executive Headteacher*

The full consultation document, a summary, and the response form are available [here](#). You may also like to read [my own personal views](#) on some of the points in the HLT consultation document.



The questions that you will be asked are:

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1. *Name*
2. *Postcode*
3. *Are you responding mainly as:*
 - *Parent/Carer*
 - *Staff member*
 - *Pupil/Student*
 - *School Governor/Trustee*
 - *Local Resident*
 - *Local Councillor*
 - *Other*
4. *Your views on Proposal One*

Do you agree that HMS and QEHS should be amalgamated and expand to create an 11-18 Secondary school?

 - *Yes*
 - *No*
 - *Don't know*
5. *If you wish, please give the reasons for the answer you have given above.*
6. *Your Views on Proposal Two*

If a decision is taken by Northumberland County Council/Department for Education to close Haydon Bridge High School, do you agree that QEHS should expand to provide places for children from the Haydon Bridge Partnership from September 2019?

 - *Yes*
 - *No*
 - *Don't know*
7. *If you wish, please give the reasons for the answer you have given above.*
8. *Alternative suggestions*

If you have any alternative suggestions that meet the Trust's objectives of improving educational outcomes and experience, financial sustainability and capital investment, please state them here.

The online response is easy and quick to complete ([click here](#)) and I urge you to complete it.

Following on from the last consultation evening I have collated a selection of the responses from across the partnership from people who have completed our google form questionnaire which may also help you.

- [Views on size of school, transition, differences between 2-tier and 3-tier systems](#)
- [Views on the curriculum in our schools currently](#)
- [Views on emotional well-being, pastoral care, attitude to learning and mental health](#)
- [Views on what their dream would be](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued support. There are two more meetings organised for parents:

Wednesday, 7th March at 2:15pm

Thursday, 15th March at 9:15am (replaces cancelled meeting on 1st March)

I will send more information regarding the NCC consultation after the next two parent consultation meetings. Whatever your views, please make them heard to both Northumberland County Council and Hadrian Learning Trust!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Kennedy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Jane Kennedy