

Feedback from Formal Consultation

Macclesfield High School Governing Body

Governors met on Thursday 4th November to consider the proposal that Macclesfield High School becomes an academy sponsored by Macclesfield College and MMU.

Governors looked closely at the proposal and whilst they agreed in essence with the proposal, they believe that it would be essential to the success of the proposal that the new academy is presented to the public and marketed in the correct manner.

It was felt that to present the new school as an 11 to 16 academy could give the impression that provision would be inferior to the 11 to 18 provision offered by other schools in the town.

It is essential that the academy be viewed as part of the full 11 to 18 provision and beyond that would be available as part of the Macclesfield Learning Zone. The establishment of the new academy would complete the all through provision where students would be guaranteed high quality education at Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5, all available on the one site.

Parent governors felt that it was important that their children would continue to be taught in the sixth form by those good teachers who had previously taught their children at KS3 and KS4 as part of the Macclesfield Academy.

Governors noted that the quality of the teaching in the sixth form at Macclesfield High School had been acknowledged by OfSTED and that this has been confirmed by the very good 'A' level results seen in the summer. Governors would not want the community to be given the impression that the college would be taking over the sixth form because it had failed. This is not the case. The sixth form was not included in the areas for improvement in the OfSTED Notice to Improve.

The establishment of an academy sponsored by the college creates the opportunity for all-through provision on the Learning Zone site with sixth form provision that will go beyond the provision offered in a traditional 11 to 18 school.

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