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## Winterstoke Hundred Academy Consultation (currently NSETC)

### Introduction

In October 2018, the Department for Education (DfE), invited multi academy trusts (MATs) to Express an Interest in setting up a new 11-19 academy on the site of North Somerset Enterprise and Technology College (NSETC) following the announcement of the dissolution of the Inspirational Futures Trust (IFT). In response to this invitation, Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) submitted an Expression of interest to the DfE and was approved as the new provider and MAT sponsor.

NSETC, currently a 14-19 provision, will not close, but will transfer over to the CLF on the anticipated date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, with 0 new pupil admissions for the 2019/20 academic year. Following the transfer, the academy will be relaunched in September 2020 as **Winterstoke Hundred Academy (WHA)**, named after the historic parish of Weston-super-Mare, admitting pupils in Year 7 and Year 12.

The existing cohort of 12 Year 10 students are due to transfer to the CLF along with the NSETC provision ahead of September 2019. A meeting has already taken place between CLF and IFT with the parents and carers to provide reassurance of the commitment to ensure that each pupil can complete their GCSE and courses in other strong local provision that will ensure their learning needs are met.

The information within this letter forms part of the formal consultation that CLF is legally required to undertake to extend the age range to include provision at key stage 3, thereby admitting pupils into Year 7. Final comments, in response to this consultation are invited to be received **by 5pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

### Cabot Learning Federation

In 2019 the CLF will have existed for 10 years as a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). In the course of that time the federation has developed from a small Bristol-based secondary education partnership to an instinctively collaborative organisation of over 20 schools and other provisions, serving the educational needs of 9,300 children and young people aged 3 to 19.

The federation is sponsored by the University of the West of England and Rolls-Royce PLC. Their academies are based in three 3-19 clusters in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

The CLF employs around 1,750 people in a range of roles designed to help children to be successful in their lives. They also rely on the time and commitment of over 200 volunteer governors, who share the CLF HEART values (below) and ambitions for their schools and their pupils.



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- Establish **High expectations**  
for all that we seek to achieve
- Create **Equity** of opportunity,  
removing disadvantage
- Champion the success and life chances of **All children**
- Furnish pupils and staff with the **Resilience** to succeed  
as lifelong learners
- Promote **Tolerance** and respect for ourselves,  
our communities and our environment

Winterstoke Hundred Academy will join the North Somerset cluster of the CLF. This already includes Hans Price, Haywood Village (HVA) and Herons' Moor Academies, which currently all serve the community in Weston-super-Mare. WHA will be relaunched under new leadership in September 2020.

### Sponsors message

The CLF is delighted to be extending its provision in Weston-super-Mare. We believe firmly in the importance of a coherent learning journey throughout the education key stages and beyond and look forward to working with the community and other partners to deliver excellent learning experiences for all in Weston.

The mission of the CLF is:

*'To consistently deliver excellent educational experiences for pupils aged 3-19, improving their life chances and serving the communities of which we are a member.'*

To that end the collaboration between WHA and HVA (0.7 miles from the site) will provide an excellent opportunity for deeply enriching cross-phase learning, of the type already successfully developed in similar CLF settings elsewhere.

### Educational Vision

Winterstoke Hundred Academy (WHA) will be a medium-scale 11-19 school, with a capacity of 950 pupils including 200 students at Post 16.

As demand for secondary places in the town grows, the smaller cohort will afford WHA an inclusivity and familial character that will appeal to parents, carers and learners in the Weston community, as this will complement and contrast with the larger cohorts (all PANs are between 180-300+) in the four 11-16 schools in the town and Weston College. While seeking to draw from across the town, the academy will forge a close relationship with the emerging 'Locking Airfield' community, as has been successfully achieved at Haywood Village Academy.



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WHA will establish an ethic of excellence wherein pupils experience a rich and innovative curriculum. Hallmarks of the offer will be:

- A carefully-designed inspiring curriculum, which will ensure coverage of the National Curriculum and other important areas such as:
  - Embedding good habits of learning, resilience and grit;
  - Identity, growth, diversity and change;
  - Mastery in literacy and numeracy
- An ethos in line with the CLF HEART core purpose. Pupils will see themselves as individuals, part of a family, a community, a nation and as global citizens.
- Excellent behaviour
- An inclusive environment:
  - strong pastoral care where tutors support the development of oracy and wellbeing, PSHE and employability, including contact with employers and personal coaching;
  - attachment awareness, using Thrive as a tool for providing pupils with social and emotional support.
- Excellent relationships with families.

### Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

In order to ensure a sound grounding to support future mastery, the generalist KS3 curriculum will be organised into discrete subjects, timetabled enrichment and work-related learning. This approach will prepare pupils for academic, personal and career success. With the end firmly in mind, the curriculum will build on the highly effective KS2 curriculum across the CLF. Our KS3 curriculum has been designed by experts and seeks to embed a sense of place, a sense of awe and wonder and develop both subject knowledge and self-efficacy.

### Key Stage 4 (Years 10,11)

Pupils will access a more specialised offer, seeking to make full use of the modern and well-equipped facilities. Pupils will follow the CLF syllabi in English and maths. WHA will build a reputation for excellence in triple science and the arts (STEAM), languages, sport, design and technology. The ongoing focus on employability, drawing on businesses from across the South West will build aspiration and drive excellent progress and attainment.

### Post 16

Students will benefit from an immersive school-based Post 16 programme featuring A Levels and Applied courses that support students to progress into employment, apprenticeships and higher education.



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This offer will coherently build from KS4 courses and routes in the area, complement the local Post-16 offer and be directed to address employment needs and growth areas in the South West and nationally.

The suite of qualifications will also seek to prepare young people for identified employment sectors; Enterprise, STEM, Expressive Arts, Health Services. The curriculum will also be supported through a partnership with Boomsatsuma, a local provider, where immersive, employer and industry linked courses support students into sector-related progression routes.

There are four broad Pathways, although students would be able to mix and match subjects from each of the Pathways. Some of the Subjects are repeated across the pathways (shown by an \*)

Enterprise	STEM	Expressive Arts	Health Services
Business A-level and BTEC	*Maths A-level	Urban Dance BTEC	Applied Biology
Financial Studies (CEF's)	*Computer Science A-Level	Drama A-Level and BTEC	*Biology A-level
*Maths A-level	Physics A-Level	Art A-level and Cam Tech	English A-level
IT Applied	Chemistry A-Level	Creative Media (2016)	Humanities A-levels
Core Maths	*Biology A-Level		Health and Social Care BTEC
*Computer Science A-level			Psychology Applied and A-Level

### Consultation

Before the Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teacher Board can approve the age range change for WHA, CLF needs to seek the views of stakeholders. This document provides further information and the opportunity to provide feedback (see last page).

### PROPOSAL KEY ELEMENTS

#### Increase in Age Range:

It is proposed that NSETC, on transferring to the CLF, increases its age range from 14 to 19 to 11 to 19 (effectively lowering the point of admission to Year 7 from Year 10, changing it to a secondary academy with a sixth form).





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### Variation of the Admission Arrangements:

No admission arrangements were formally determined for NSETC for the 2020 intake for either Year 10 or Year 12 by the previous Trust. As a result of the transfer to the CLF and the increase in age range which will lower one of the normal points of entry to the main school to Year 7, it will clearly be necessary for the admission arrangements which existed previously to be amended for the 2020 intake, when the change will take effect. These were required to be formally determined on or before 28 February 2019 and therefore need Secretary of State consent (following a major change in circumstances) to be varied.

We have used the previous admission arrangements to develop a new Admission Policy for WHA for the 2020 intake, which sets the Published Admission Numbers for Year 7 and Year 12, as well as the oversubscription criteria, application procedure and other admission arrangements.

Although the Admission Policy we have developed may look very different to the old policies (for example, there is now one Admission Policy covering both the main school and the sixth form, rather than two separate policies with very similar criteria), a great deal of care has been taken to ensure that only changes which are necessary because of the transfer to the CLF and/or the increase in age range are made, as well as amendments necessary to ensure that the policy is fully compliant with the School Admissions Code 2014 (Code), the School Admission Appeals Code 2012 and other admission law, as well as other relevant legislation/statutory guidance such as the Equality Act 2010 and Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years. Particular attention has been paid to the overriding principle that all admission arrangements must be fair, clear and objective, and that parents must be able to easily understand how places will be allocated.

From September 2020, WHA will have a PAN for Year 7 of 150, leading to a total number of 750 places across Years 7 to 11. The Year 12 PAN for external candidates only (as current Year 11 pupils transfer to Year 12 rather than being formally admitted) will be 30 with an overall capacity of 200 across Years 12 and 13 (it should be noted that WHA is likely to admit significantly more external candidates over and above the Year 12 PAN for the next few years while WHA is growing and Year 11 student numbers increase, however the PAN for external candidates has been set at this figure to avoid the need to consult on regular reductions in PAN on a yearly basis in the short term).

The other main variation relates to the oversubscription criteria, which has been changed to reflect that WHA will be no longer looking to attract Year 9 pupils from middle and secondary schools into Year 10 - it will now be recruiting Year 6 pupils from primary schools in the same way all other secondary schools in the local area do. Accordingly, we do not consider it appropriate to retain oversubscription criteria which gives priority to pupils living within the catchment areas of four local secondary schools, and the proposed new admission arrangements for WHA for the 2020 intake therefore include very simple oversubscription criteria where places will be allocated first to looked after and previously looked after children/candidates, and then to all other children/candidates simply by reference to the distance they live from the Academy, with those living nearest receiving highest priority.



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Any future changes to this oversubscription criteria for the 2021 intake and beyond will, of course, be subject to further consultation in accordance with the Code.

North Somerset Council will continue to coordinate admission to the Academy in and outside the normal admission round for Years 7 to 11, with sixth form admission being managed by the Academy itself.

The proposed new admission arrangements can be found on the CLF website: [www.clf.uk](http://www.clf.uk) and we are inviting responses to these as part of this consultation. We have included a document which sets out alternative oversubscription criteria based on the Academy's original criteria, for information purposes, as well as copies of the Academy's previous policies.

Once we have consulted and the new admission arrangements have been finalised, we will be seeking Secretary of State consent to vary them as part of our application for significant changes consent to increase the Academy's age range.

#### **Opportunities to find out more**

An open event will be taking place to allow the community to find out more information about this exciting new development and the Cabot Learning Federation. The event will be held at Haywood Village Academy on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 17:00 to 19:00. Open events for new parents, carers and pupils to find out more about WHA will be held in the autumn term.

Haywood Village Academy  
20 Whitney Crescent  
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Feedback, in response to this consultation are invited to be received **by 5pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. All opinions, comments and feedback received from this and previous consultation activities will be considered by the CLF and be provided as part of our application for significant changes consent to increase the Academy's age range.

If you would like to be placed on a contact list to receive updates related to this project, please complete and return the response form at the back of this document and include your email address.



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### Invitation to Submit Views

You can send us feedback and comments using this form by post to Winterstoke Hundred Academy Consultation, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT or by email to [wha-info@clf.uk](mailto:wha-info@clf.uk)

Please tick the category that best describes you:

- Parent / carer of a local pre-school child
- Parent / carer of a primary school pupil (please specify which school)
- Parent / carer of a secondary school pupil (please specify which school)
- Member of school staff (please specify which school)
- School governor (please specify which school)
- Local resident
- Member of a community group (please specify which group)
- Other (please state)

Please state whether any comments are your own / your families or are on behalf of an organisation (please specify which organisation)

Do you agree with the proposed variation of Winterstoke Hundred Academy admission arrangements for the 2020 intake?

Yes  No

Please add your comments on the proposal below:



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