



12 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Consultation

- **Proposed merger between Brookvale High School and Groby Community College to officially form one 11-19 school with a planned admission number of 240 into all years.**
- **Simplify the name of the new school to the Groby Learning Campus.**

As you will be aware Brookvale High School and Groby Community College formed a Multi Academy Trust in April 2017 in order to support the move towards one 11-19 school. After the successful creation of the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus we are now ready to complete the process with a full merger of the two schools under the leadership of Robert Coles as Headteacher. It is proposed that the new school will be called the Groby Learning Campus reflecting its geographical position. A staged approach towards full merger has been part of a strategic plan to create minimal turbulence for students and staff which we believe has been successful as demonstrated by the excellent GCSE outcomes in 2018.

The main reason for creating a single 11-19 school is to maximise progress for our students with a focus on continuous education across the key stages. The new 11-19 school will continue to operate as it has done over the last two years with the exception that current students will no longer be required to reapply at the end of year 9 for a place in year 10. Once a student joins the campus in year 7 they will hold that place until the end of year 11 when they may choose to continue studying in the Post 16 centre for their year 12 and 13.

The proposal for the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus includes the following points:

- The merger of the two existing schools through the closure of Groby Community College and the renaming of the new school as the Groby Learning Campus.
- The new school will have an age range of 11-19.
- Each year group will have 240 places.
- There will be no entry point at year 10 which means that parents/carers with children in year 9 do not have to reapply for their school place.
- The closure of Groby Community College means that the number of places available in year 10 reduces from 300 to 240 which is in line with our current year group size.
- We will continue to welcome students into year 12 from other 11-16 schools (subject to their meeting the entry requirements) to study for their A Levels. We currently have 80 places for external students who wish to join the campus for year 12.
- We will retain the current uniform arrangements for the school.
- All staff remain working for the school on the same terms and conditions.
- We will maintain, and further build upon, our valued partnership arrangements including our links with our feeder primary schools, other local secondary schools, and our relationship with the Local Authority and Teaching School.

We would appreciate hearing your views on the consultation. I invite you to respond by using any of the following methods:

- In writing to Mr Robert Coles, Headteacher, Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, Ratby Road, Groby, LE6 0FP
- By email to headteacher@brookvalegroby.com
- Mr Coles will also be available on the evening of Thursday 10 January between 3.45pm and 7.15pm for any parent / carer or member of the wider community who would like to drop into campus to discuss the proposed merger

The consultation period runs from 12 December 2018 to 6 February 2019 at 12 noon. Your views are valuable to us and we will fully consider all points raised before a final submission is made to the Department for Education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Coles', written in a cursive style.

Robert Coles
Headteacher