

Consultation on closure of the post 16 provision at Dixons Broadgreen Academy

A consultation is proposed on the removal of the post 16 from the status of Dixons Broadgreen Academy, which will result in a change to the admissions arrangements for the academy.

Reasons for removing the post-16 phase from the school designation

Broadgreen International School was judged to be inadequate by Ofsted in 2018, and we were delighted that Ofsted judged the school to be good in four out of five key areas in October 2024. This improvement, since becoming a Dixons school, is a great achievement brought about by the staff team who, with the support of the local community, have made huge improvements in the 11-16 phase of the school.

Unfortunately, in the last few years sixth form numbers have steadily decreased and are no longer viable. Recruitment into Year 12 ceased in 2025 as numbers have fallen below the level that is needed to offer appropriate study programmes. In addition, the retention rates and outcomes for both A levels and applied courses have been significantly below the Liverpool average figures. There are no courses offered at Dixons Broadgreen sixth form that are not offered elsewhere in the city.

We have therefore taken the decision to phase out sixth form provision at Dixons Broadgreen Academy and focus our energies on improving the 11-16 phase of the school.

The planned change will come into effect from September 2026. As there is no planned recruitment into Year 12, this does not have an operational effect. However, this consultation is to change the status of the school from 11-18 to 11-16 to better reflect the focus and successful work that is being undertaken.

Considerations

The current sixth form provision at Dixons Broadgreen is a net liability to the whole school, its removal would mean more resources are available for the 11-16 phase of the school.

Data to support reasons

The decline in student numbers since 2021 is shown in the table below, numbers provided are as of the Autumn census date. These numbers include students where an element of their study programme is delivered by external providers.

Academic year	Year 12	Year 13	Total
25/26 (as of 06/10/25)	82	118	200
24/25 (as of 03/10/24)	134	123	257
23/24 (as of 05/10/23)	156	131	287
22/23 (as of 06/10/22)	150	165	315
21/22 (as of 07/10/21)	220	121	341

Other requirements

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, an application to make a significant change will be made.

In addition to this, an application to vary the admissions arrangements for September 2026 will be submitted. This will involve the removal of the following information from the admissions arrangements.

Procedures for sixth form entry

There is a total of 200 places in sixth form (Years 12 & 13); with 100 places specifically for Year 12. Year 11 students at the academy who meet the required entry requirements, can progress automatically into Year 12. The PAN for external applications is 10.

The academy will admit up to ten applicants who meet the entry requirements if sufficient applications are received. If fewer of the academy's Year 11 students' progress to post-16, additional external applicants will be admitted up to the overall Year 12 capacity.

Full details of the minimum and / or specific course entry requirements will be published on the sixth form webpage and updated annually. Students not currently on roll at the academy who wish to join sixth form must complete and submit a sixth form application form.

Where there are more applications than places available and those applicants meet the entry requirements, applications will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed above.

All applications received after the published deadline will be considered late applications. These will be considered after those received on time unless exceptional circumstances apply (for example, hospitalisation / serious illness of the applicant) that prevented the application from being made on time. Documentation will need to be provided with the application to support the exceptional circumstance.

Late applicants will be offered places on courses with available space where they meet the entry requirements. If places are not available on some or all those courses applied for, applicants will need to choose an alternative course / s but can ask to be placed on the waiting list for the oversubscribed course / s.

If the significant change and variation to the admissions arrangements are agreed, the GIAS record for the Academy will then be updated.

Consultation period and comments

The consultation will run from **Monday 17 November 2025 to Sunday 28 December 2025**.

Those who do not have access to the internet can request a paper copy of this document by contacting the academy directly or our Trust Admissions Office:

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Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be made **before Monday 29 December 2025**.

You can submit comments via the [online form](#). If you wish to submit comments by e-mail or post, please include the name of the academy they relate to and send them to:

e-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com

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