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Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you to all who took part in the recent consultation regarding the proposed closure of the Sixth Form. We are grateful to parents, students, staff, governors, clergy and members of the wider community who took the time to share their views.

The consultation received 110 responses, reflecting a broad range of perspectives. While many respondents acknowledged the challenges currently facing the Sixth Form, the majority – approximately 85–89% – did not support the proposal. A smaller proportion (11–15%) agreed with the proposal, primarily highlighting the issue of financial sustainability.

Respondents raised several concerns, including:

- The impact on students, particularly Year 11 pupils and those with SEND needs.
- The loss of a small, supportive post-16 environment valued by many families.
- The implications of removing the only Catholic post-16 provision in Lincolnshire.
- The timing of the proposal, with suggestions to delay closure until the current Year 11 cohort completes their studies.
- Requests to explore alternative cost-saving measures, including Trust-wide approaches.

Some respondents questioned aspects of the financial evidence, while others acknowledged the long-term viability challenges. A minority supported the closure on the basis that resources could be redirected to strengthen provision for younger pupils.

Lincolnshire Local Authority did not object to the proposal to close.

## Next steps

The Trust has now submitted a [Tier 1 application for closure by agreement](#) to the [Regional Director, Carol Gray](#), who is responsible for making the final decision on such proposals.

The Trust Board will provide a further update once the Regional Director has reviewed



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the application and made a decision. Everyone will be informed of the decision as soon as it is available.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

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