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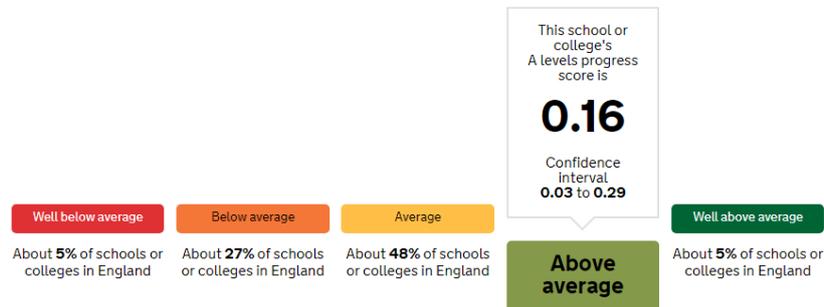
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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that the Trustees of Wadebridge School are undertaking a consultation process regarding the future of the school's Sixth Form provision. It is proposed that enrolment into the Sixth Form will be suspended from September 2019 followed by an ending to all post 16 provision at the school from June 2020.

We would like to stress that Wadebridge Sixth Form is totally committed to those students who have already embarked on their 2 year Level 3 courses until they are examined in May/June 2020. The whole staff team is committed to gaining the highest levels of attainment and providing the highest standards of support. This promise is supported by the fact, that for the last 3 years, the outcomes that our students have achieved have placed the school in the top 15% of all schools and colleges nationally.

### A levels progress score for Wadebridge School



<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/138024?tab=ks5-16-to-18>

The reasons for this consultation are:

- The massive decrease in per student funding for school sixth forms since 2010 which equates to over 20% in real terms
- The increase in local provision
- The significant drop in students enrolling in the sixth form over the last two years with a total currently on roll of 46 leading to non-viable class sizes

All of these factors together have resulted in a Sixth Form provision which is not financially sustainable and has a significant negative impact on the overall school budget.

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The following table illustrates the challenges that we have faced over several years; schools are funded for Sixth Form students twelve months in arrears, as shown below:

Year	Numbers on Roll	Funded Students	Funding
2013/14	120	158	£716,517
2014/15	120	120	£524,139
2015/16	146	120	£499,029
2016/17	116	146	£610,737
2017/18	59	116	£488,385
2018/19	46	59	£251,303
2019/20	26	46	£184,000*

(\*Estimated)

I want to reassure you, that despite the financial challenges, we have worked very hard to try and secure the future of Sixth Form provision at Wadebridge. This has been through the re-design of the curriculum, recruitment strategies and effective information, advice and guidance. However, the current situation is not financially viable for any school, especially with the extra pressure that is being placed on total school budgets across the country. We cannot, and will not subsidise the Sixth Form provision with monies that should be used to provide the very best education for those students in Years 7 to 11.

If you have any questions or comments about this proposal we would invite you to send them to: [parents@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:parents@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk) marked Sixth Form Consultation. All comments received will be considered at a special meeting of the school's leadership team and Trustees at 5.00pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish to make representation at that meeting, please contact the school and an appointment time will be made for you.

**This consultation will run from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Yardley, Headteacher

Mr I Thurtle, Chair of Governors