

## **Proposal to extend the age range to include a Sixth Form at Cambourne Village College**

### **Proposal**

The Cam Academy Trust is proposing to extend the age range at Cambourne Village College from its current 11-16 to 11-18. This will thus create a new Sixth Form provision at the school.

It is proposed that the Sixth Form should be for 350 Sixth Form students in total across Years 12 and 13. The suggested start date for this provision is September 2023 with Year 12 students only permitted in 2023 and then moving on to Years 12 and 13 in September 2024 and beyond.

The educational provision is intended to be very largely Level 3 provision with a mixture of both A level courses and applied/vocational programmes.

### **Rationale**

The fundamental rationale for this proposal is the identified shortfall in Sixth Form provision in the local area in coming years. The Local Authority has clearly identified more Sixth Form places are required in the local area and thus that appropriate planning should take place to accommodate this. The Local Authority has now clearly proposed that the development of a 350-place Sixth Form at Cambourne Village College is seen as an appropriate and preferred means by which to address some of the required increase in Sixth Form places in the local area.

Cambourne continues to be a community of population growth as further developments are planned and now beginning to take place. It is thus an obvious area to look for the development of a Sixth Form that meets growing demand for places. Cambourne Village College continues to need to expand to meet the growing demand for secondary school places in the 11-16 age range. There are thus obvious value-for-money reasons to look also to develop Sixth Form provision while planning further expansion of facilities for the 11-16 cohort.

The Cam Academy Trust already has successful Sixth Form provision in the local area. Comberton Village College has a strongly established and successful Sixth Form. This Sixth Form is already working in partnership with another Sixth Form in the Trust at St Peter's School in Huntingdon. The intention is for the new Sixth Form at Cambourne to operate in very close partnership with the Sixth Form at Comberton. This will help it to establish quickly and successfully. It will also ensure that there is clear and coherent planning in the local area to ensure that high-quality Sixth Form courses and places are available to local students.

### **Consultation**

The Cam Academy Trust is consulting on this proposal to extend the age range to 11-18 at Cambourne Village College from September 2023. Responses to this proposal are sought from interested parties. The consultation begins on **Monday 9 November** and concludes on

**Friday 11 December.** Responses can be emailed to [consultations@catrust.co.uk](mailto:consultations@catrust.co.uk) with 'Age Range extension at Cambourne Village College' in the title bar. Alternatively, hard copies of any responses can be delivered to reception at Cambourne Village College.

The Cam Academy Trust is prepared to hold a virtual consultation event on this proposal if there is a desire to do so from interested parties. Please indicate an interest in attending such an event in an email to [consultations@catrust.co.uk](mailto:consultations@catrust.co.uk). If there is interest then arrangements will be made to hold a virtual consultation event and information about this will be circulated.