

## Development of Cambourne Village College

These plans represent the third extension of the College since opening in 2013, following the construction of additional wings in 2017 and 2019, and it will allow us to accommodate the anticipated extra pupil numbers from Cambourne West, and to open our own sixth form centre.

Our current premises will accommodate a maximum of 1350 students. The planned expansion will give capacity for a total of 1650 students in the 11-16 school with 11 forms of entry – 330 students - in each year group. In terms of scale, this development will make the 11-16 College just marginally larger than the neighbouring Comberton Village College, a partner school within the Cam Academy Trust, which has 10 forms of entry per year group. The increase in pupil numbers will begin with the Year 7 of 2023, and will apply to each following new intake until 2028.

Our sixth form centre is designed to accommodate 350 students across Years 12 and 13, starting with the admission of 175 students to Year 12 in 2023. We are awaiting final approval from the Department for Education to open this Post 16 phase of the school.

The plans for the whole development are premised on maintaining the strong academic focus of the current building layout, so that each subject department will continue to be based in its own area, enabling subject-specialist staff to work closely together in suites of rooms that allow for the sharing of facilities and equipment.

This layout has also been carefully designed so that each year group will continue to be based in its own distinct location for registration and pastoral activities, with the Head of Year, pastoral team and senior staff member immediately available for them. Each year group area will continue to have its own dedicated external area with lockers and space for outdoor socialising at break times.

The new dining hall will serve Year 11 students and give this group an enhanced social space, in close proximity to the sixth form centre, which we hope they will aspire to attend.

The sixth form buildings will face towards Cambourne West, with discrete access and substantial additional parking. The facilities will include state-of-the-art teaching rooms to accommodate a very wide range of A-Level and vocational courses, with generous independent study spaces, library, and lecture theatre.

As is the case at present, the new facilities will be available for hire and use by our local community through our community school administration.

Claire Coates, Principal.

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