



# Haydon Bridge High School

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Headteacher: Darren Glover

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Carers

On Wednesday we held a meeting for parents and members of the community. In that meeting we shared our proposal as an alternative to the three models in NCC's consultation document.

Our proposal is informed by the principles of ensuring educational outcomes are secured, that the distinct nature of Haydon Bridge is recognised and celebrated and that the future pathways of all students are considered.

Our proposal incorporates project based learning in years 7 and 8, an educational delivery system which not only develops the core skills but also builds the other skills that employers are telling us they want, problem solving, enquiry, communication, and cooperation. It is a system which encourages creativity and facilitates opportunities to link much more with the community. As the students move through the school to year 9, 10 and 11 the option process would be changed so that students potentially complete two GCSE's each year. This could also include students from different year groups (i.e 9 and 10) learning together. This system enables us to maintain a broad curriculum even when some subjects have smaller class sizes, subjects which historically would have been discontinued. Transition in to year 12 and 13 incorporates vocational opportunities including apprenticeships where appropriate.

Paper copies of our proposal outline and also a copy of NCC's consultation response form will be given out on Monday, we have attached these for you in this bulletin. These response forms can be returned to the school if that is more convenient and we will deliver them to County Hall.

Whilst the consultation is not a referendum it is an important opportunity for all stakeholders to give their views on the three proposals, the consultation itself and any alternatives. We have been asked by some parents to remind them that collaborative responses count as one submission.

We would welcome any feedback and thank you for your continued support.

There is also a drop in session on 17th March 2018 at Hexham Mart, this is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This means that members of the community can arrive at any time from 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Glover', written in a cursive style.

Darren Glover  
Headteacher