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Dear Mr Brady,

Further to your consultation on offering A-level provision from September 2019, we would appreciate if you could take the following points into consideration:

- Students in Herefordshire are well-served for A-level provision through Herefordshire Sixth Form College, John Kyrle High School and John Masefield High School. Destinations data for Herefordshire indicate that the number of A-level students who go on to study at Oxbridge is in the top quartile of all students nationally; the number who progress to Russell group universities is in the second quartile. We do not identify a need for additional A-level provision in or on the borders of Herefordshire.
- Across Herefordshire we have recently seen the closure of a number of small school sixth forms. These sixth forms were created with the very best of intentions and centred upon the raising of students' aspirations in the 11-16 school. However, this provision proved to be unviable principally as a result of small numbers of students. This impacts upon a school's ability to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which meets KS5 students' differing needs and interests and often results in the sixth form being subsidised by the 11-16 provision.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Yours sincerely

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