

# LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Mr Brady and Mr Weiss  
Dene Magna High School  
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Dear Mr Brady and Mr Weiss,

**RE Consultation covering the establishment of A level provision by Dene Magna in Gloucester College from September 2019.**

I am writing to you to share our experiences with Sixth Form provision over the last few years. Lady Hawkins' School is currently waiting for the final government approval to close its Sixth Form provision. The school has not taken this lightly, however the governors have decided that it is better for us to focus on 11-16 provision, rather than continue struggling with a small sixth form.

The drain which the Sixth Form has placed on our resources has been significant and, although I am sure that you have fully costed the proposal, I cannot over-stress the negative impact that a small, poorly supported post 16 provision can place on a school. We face stiff competition from the Hereford Colleges and we have had to accept that our students would rather travel a little further to access a broad, highly regarded provision than access a limited provision in school. I know that there is existing "Outstanding" provision in your local area which would suggest that you may be in a similar position.

I hope that you find this information useful and that you are able to take them into consideration when planning for the future. I am happy to discuss our position with you further, if you feel that this would help to inform your decision making.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Jennings  
Headteacher