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School and Sixth Form Centre

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Stephen Brady  
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Dear Steve

## **Re: Proposed Sixth Form for Dene Magna School**

On behalf of Wyedean School and Sixth Form Centre I want to offer our support as a school and Post 16 centre in the Forest of Dean to your school's proposal to set up a new Sixth Form Centre.

In the recent wider schools conversations over the last twelve months with the RSC SW about the Forest of Dean being classed as a "priority area" one of the issues raised is the availability and need for a Sixth Form centre offering quality academic provision to serve the central and northern part of the Forest of Dean. There is a clear need to provide quality educational provision to young people of the area as an alternative to a long commute to Monmouthshire, Herefordshire, Gloucester and Cheltenham and to allow students to continue their post 16 education in the Forest of Dean.

I also believe another 11-18 school based on the quality and high reputation of Dene Magna would only strengthen secondary education in the area and provide further aspiration for young people.

We would welcome the potential of further partnership and collaboration between secondary schools in the Forest of Dean through an additional Sixth Form centre based on a school especially sharing expertise on bespoke qualifications and curriculum, as well as careers guidance, UCAS and enrichment opportunities aimed at wider social & vocational mobility and aspirations for Post 16 learners.

This is an exciting potential investment in education in our wider area and it can only be beneficial to all our school communities in the Forest of Dean. Whatever we can do to support please let us know.

Kind regards

Rob Ford  
Principal