SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers

1. **Consultation on Proposed Change to Published Admission Number (PAN)**

We are writing to inform you that the Trust is proposing a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Thorns Collegiate Academy**.** The PAN determines the number of students admitted into each year.

Currently, the PAN is 180, we are proposing to reduce the PAN to 150 from **September 2028.**

Why are we proposing this change?

- Local demographic data indicates a reduction in demand for school places in the area.
- A PAN of 150 will allow us to maintain high-quality teaching and learning while ensuring efficient use of resources.
- This change will help us to continue providing a broad and balanced curriculum in a sustainable way.

What does this mean for you?
If agreed, the new PAN will apply from **September 2028** onwards.
There will be no impact on students currently attending the school.

How to share your views

We value your feedback on this proposal. The consultation period will run from **Monday 9th November 2026 to Monday 21st December 2026.**

You can respond by:

Emailing: **info@shirelandcat.net** or,

Writing to: **Mrs J Cook. Shireland Collegiate Academy, Waterloo Road, Smethwick. B66 4ND**

All responses must be received by **Monday 21st December 2026**. After the consultation closes, the Trust Board will consider all feedback before making a final decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your views are important to us.

Yours sincerely

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