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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Local Community,

Consultation: expansion of physical capacity at John Kyrle High School and proposal to raise the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for ages 11-16

Herefordshire local authority has agreed to fund capital development at the school to accommodate 30 additional students per annum for the next five years. In correspondence in the summer of 2019, Andrew Hines, Interim Capital Manager for the local authority, :

'...we would like to support you in expanding to take an additional 30 students per year group, to meet demographic growth in the area, and strong parental preference for places at JKHS'.

The £2.3m capital grant is to fund a permanent building to accommodate additional pupils and for the school to expand by one form of entry. This leads to a proposal to raise the school's current Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 210 to 240.

The PAN increase allows for an overall increase over five years of 150 students across Years 7 to 11. This increase would mean an official school capacity of 1,200 (excluding sixth form). The school, with a current overall PAN of 1,050, has been oversubscribed since 2009; it currently has 1,137 on roll in Years 7 to 11 and is already operating on an oversubscribed basis to meet demand.

In order to establish what the project should deliver concerning teaching areas, a capacity assessment method for secondary schools identified there was a deficit of specialist facilities in science teaching spaces. The planning permission submitted to Herefordshire Council provides all the details surrounding the permanent building and design for the six science laboratories.

In summary, we submit for consultation to expand the school's physical capacity and increase our PAN by 30 student places commencing with Year 7 in September 2021.

A period of consultation opens on Monday 19th April 2021 and will close on Monday 31st May 2021. Due to current covid restrictions we will not be holding a face-to-face information session for people to attend, however we will be happy to take any questions on this consultation. Please email admin@jkhs.org.uk, or post your comments to the school office marked 'PAN consultation'.

The final decision regarding the recommendation for an expansion to the physical capacity and increase in PAN is made by the Regional Schools Commissioner.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

