



Public Consultation Response

May 2024

Proposal for The Blackpool Sixth Form
College to become a 16-19 Academy

The Consultation

The Blackpool Sixth Form College is proposing to convert to a 16-19 Academy and join a newly formed multi-academy trust called The Coastal Collaborative Trust

The Consultation Process

The consultation ran from 4th March 2024 to 4th April 2024. The process included the following:

- Public notice placed in The Times
- Public notice placed in the Blackpool Gazette
- Consultation document issued to all Blackpool Sixth parents/carers*
- Consultation document distributed to 4 MPs, all secondary schools and colleges in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, Blackpool and Lancashire local authorities, ESFA, Secretary of State.

* Parents/carers also received a further consultation survey sent to them in January

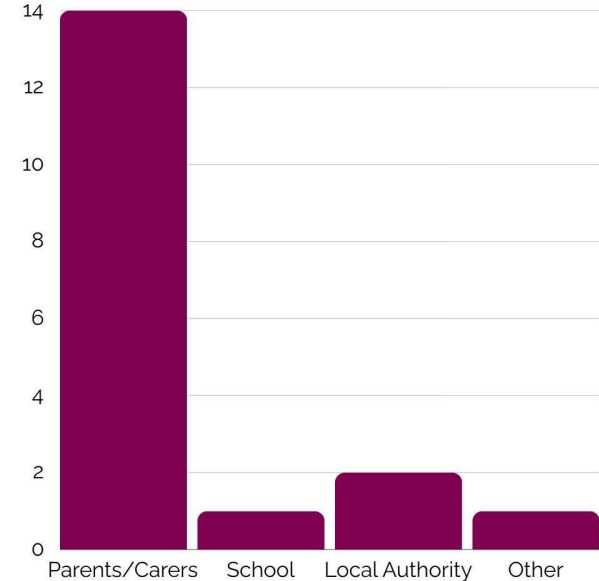


The Consultation Responses

There were a total of 18 responses from this consultation, and the earlier survey sent out to parents/carers.

The number of responses by group were:

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| Parents/carers | 14 |
| Schools | 1 |
| Local Authority | 2 |
| Other | 1 |



Conclusion

Responses to the consultation were minimal and included comments both in support of and against the proposal. Although there was a wide variety of comments, many asked about the benefits of joining a MAT.

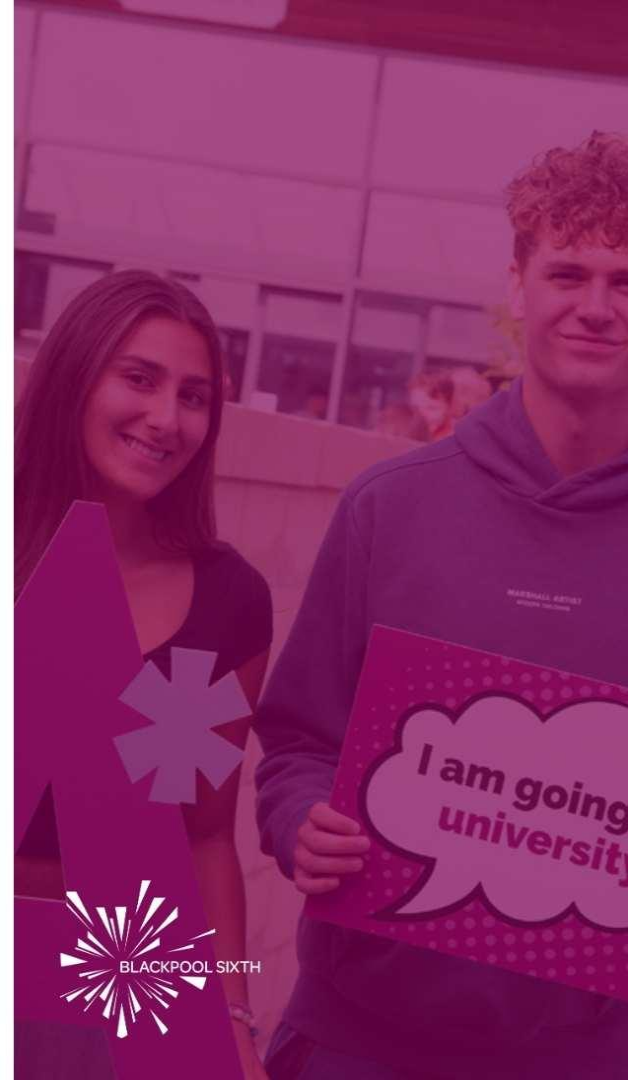
What are the benefits of joining the trust for the staff, students and wider community of Blackpool Sixth?

We are focused on the sustained future of Blackpool Sixth and ensuring that we can continue to provide the best quality education, the highest standards and the strongest support and guidance for our students. The creation of this MAT still allows this to happen. We will retain our identity, our history, our vision and our ethos. We will work with similar, highly respected and hugely successful partners to create an even stronger educational experience for the young people of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. We will ensure that any freedoms offered as a result of becoming an Academy are considered in how they benefit our students, our staff and the wider community. It is a really exciting chapter in the growth, development and sustainability of Blackpool Sixth.

None of the points made during the consultation have raised issues that would cause the Directors or the Senior Leadership Team to reconsider, at this stage, the plans to convert The Blackpool Sixth Form College to 16-19 Academy status.

We are grateful to everyone who took time to respond to the questions. A summary of the responses have been collated in a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document which can be accessed by clicking on [this link](#) or by visiting the college website www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/consultation

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