

Student Voice - Academy Status - Questions we have about the College potentially becoming an Academy

Q) **Will the behaviour policy (rewards and sanctions) change?**

A) This will be unrelated to whether or not we become an academy. All policies are under review and students are welcome to comment on them at any time in tutor activities.

Q) **Will the College name change?**

A) There are no plans to change the name of the college.

Q) **Will the dates and times of the College day change?**

A) There are no plans to change this but this may be reviewed in the future. Parents, staff and students would be consulted on this matter before any changes were made.

Q) **Why do we need to change?**

A) This is a decision made by the Government in their democratic responsibility to run the country. It is proposed that all schools will be academies by 2020.

Q) **Will tutor groups be changed?**

A) There are no plans to change tutor groups.

Q) **Will there be an increase in student numbers and more buildings?**

A) This is unlikely but the governors of the college will be seeking additional funding to improve the buildings of the college.

Q) **Will it affect the catering and Refectory?**

A) This is unrelated to becoming an academy. Students are welcome to join the student voice group that is advising the catering staff under the leadership of Mrs Horn, the Business Leader. Please contact Mr Forster if you are interested in joining this group.

Q) **Will pupils get a greater options list of lessons at KS3, including ICT and creative subjects?**

A) The college plans to continue to offer all subjects that are in the national curriculum including ICT and the creative subjects.

Q) **Can an activity week be introduced?**

A) There are no plans to introduce an activity week because the college already offers a very wide and extensive extra-curricular programme.

Q) **Would there be another college joining us?**

A) Yes, the idea is to link some primary schools and one other secondary school to Tavistock College but the students in those schools will still attend their own school.

Q) **How would it change student opportunities?**

A) There will be greater opportunity for students to have a say in the organisation and day to day running of the college and to take advantage of the opportunities in other schools by working together.

Q) **Will there be more sports fixtures with other schools?**

A) Possibly but these have not yet been finalised.

Q) **Will there be more extra-curricular activities like trips for KS3 students?**

A) Possibly but these have not yet been finalised.

Q) **Which community groups will be involved in the Academy Trust?**

A) There will be exciting opportunities as yet undecided.

Q) **Are we getting more funding for equipment?**

A) We will seek additional funds directly from the Department for Education instead of Devon County Council. It will be their decision whether or not we get more funding for equipment.

Q) **Will any of the behaviour rules change?**

A) All policies are under review and students are welcome to comment on them at any time in tutor activities.

Q) **When do we plan to convert?**

A) September 1st 2016 is the planned conversion date but the Department for Education may still turn us down so it is not guaranteed.

Q) **Would we interact with students from linked schools?**

A) Yes, there will many opportunities to do this but students will continue to attend their own schools for lessons.

Q) **Will it change the way we are taught in lessons?**

A) It will have no impact.

Q) **Will our uniform change?**

A) There are no plans to change the school uniform.

Q) **Will clubs change?**

A) There may be even more opportunities to attend clubs and there are no plans to reduce any clubs.

Q) **Will the class groups change?**

A) There are no plans to change any groups.