



"We are all here to learn"

Longdendale Community Language College

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Dear Parents and Carers

BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROJECT

Building Schools for the Future is a national initiative whereby Local Authorities are invited to bid for funds to make significant improvements in their provision of education. Some years ago, Tameside MBC engaged in this process and was successful in gaining considerable sums of money to rebuild and remodel schools in the authority. We are pleased to announce that Longdendale Community Language College are now part of Phase 3 of this development – meaning we will be given **£11.7 million** to remodel the school.

The college has entered Stage 0 of the process which means we are engaging in formulating a brief with the design consultant Inspiredspaces. By the end of this half term we will have what will be called an Education Design Overview which will detail the basis of our educational vision for the future. We have held an engagement event with our students to ask for their ideas and have also been in discussion with parents at the Family Focus meeting. It is important to us that we hear and take on board the views of all stakeholders and ask for any further input you and your children can give.

Some of the main issues that arose from the student engagement session included improvement to sports facilities and activities, ICT developments, better and bigger dining facilities, more social spaces, better expressive arts spaces and equipment eg recording studio, discreet exam space, improved technology equipment, lockers, refurbished science labs and environmentally friendly issues, eg solar panels.

Building Schools for the Future is not just about physical improvements to the environment. It is about creating learning spaces that can accommodate both curriculum and social changes. Never before has the college been able to make such a transformational difference.

We value your input, particularly at this stage when we are creating the basis of our future vision. As we are on a tight timescale, we ask for comments by Friday, 28th January. You may want to endorse or embellish the issues already mentioned, and/ or add your own opinions and ideas. Please could you complete the slip overleaf.

Many thanks for your involvement and look forward to reading your ideas. If you would like to know any further information or discuss any matter relating to this project, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Hart on the telephone number below. Alternatively you may want to make contact via the e-mail addresses below.

Yours sincerely

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