

**MDTC College Council 11/1/12**

**Comments & Questions on THS/MDTC Merger Proposals**

- If students have to travel to the other site, will they have to pay for transport? [CRo said no, LCC will fund necessary transport]
- Would students move during the course of the day, e.g. for whole days? [CRo said no, whole days only]
- When would the merged school start operating? [September 2012]
- Students were concerned that they would have a say in what any uniform change might be—some said they'd like to see ours changed to blazers. [CRo said governors would make uniform decisions but that they would consult with students and parents]
- Would there be uniform/dress code for the 6<sup>th</sup> form as well? [CRo said again this would be up to governors but after proper consultation]
- Student perception that the merger would benefit THS students more than MDTC students. Clear advantage for THS with more options, courses and facilities available, but less clear advantages for MDTC.
- Would sports day, prizegiving and other big events be together? [CRo said yes, one school would mean one set of major events]
- Will students be forced to have lessons in Mablethorpe? [CRo said no, core subjects will be taught at each site, some options and 6<sup>th</sup> form subjects may mean changing sites but students would know this before they agree to those choices, and could change subjects]
- Very positive feedback about vertical tutor groups which students would like to keep, but concern about how students who change sites for a day would register etc.
- 6<sup>th</sup> form like being part of the vertical tutor groups, but they know the 6<sup>th</sup> form have their own tutor groups at THS so someone would have to change.
- Recognition that we would have to change the houses, as we have 5 but THS only have 3. 6<sup>th</sup> form house captains wondered if there would be house captains on each site? [CRo said this and lots of other questions were still to be decided, and it would be important to get ideas from students both about what other questions need answering, and what possible solutions might be]
- Will merging mean each school gets a lower budget? [CRo explained that there would just be one budget for the merged school, not one for each site, and that we are arguing that it will be more expensive to run the split site so we would need more money]
- 6<sup>th</sup> form were concerned about their courses changing sites or even not being available from September. [CRo reassured them that all courses that have started will finish as they are]
- Students felt more positive about the proposal and said we should help to reassure others who have concerns.
- [CRo promised to arrange a joint meeting with THS school council so they could have a further joint discussion about some of the issues we will face].

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- 1) Who would pay for transport? [MEy explained that LCC would fund any travel to the other site.]
- 2) Will there be one uniform? [Yes but agreed by Governors but students would be consulted along with parents]
- 3) Would the timings of the day change? - [MEy said possibly, but these details still have to be discussed and students and parents would be consulted]
- 4) Will school council be one or two? – will they be all from one site? [MEy explained that the school council should be representative of the school as a whole and there would always try to be a balance of students on the council. ]
- 5) Would sports day be here one year and at MDTC another? [MEy explained that as one organisation then there would be one set of major events]
- 6) Sports teams – how would they train – together or separately? [MEy explained that once again this and lots of other things would still need to be decided]
- 7) Houses - -similar thoughts to MDTC about House Captains etc – possibly have 4 houses instead of 3 [MEy said answer as for point 6 – still lots to be decided]
- 8) Awards evenings? Alternate sites ? [MEy same as point 5]
- 9) Would exams be held on both sites [MEy explained that it is more than likely that exams would be held on both sites as transporting everyone to one site is not cost effective nor settling for those taking the exam.]
- 10) Target setting days? Would they cont? would they be on the same day? [MEy – still to be decided along with many other things.]
- 11) Is the merger a good or bad proposal - hard to get used to for older students – but do see it as a positive provided both schools get to have a fair say on decisions. Student council will do all they can to help alleviate any concerns that students might have.
- 12) Who has most to gain ? Both get positives out of the merger.
- 13) Will there be staff job losses ? [MEy explained that there will inevitably be changes in the staffing structures but these have yet to be decided.]
- 14) [MEy told the student council that he would arrange a joint meeting with the MDTC student council so they can have a joint discussion about a number of issues which will be faced.]