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## UAT CONSULTATION REGARDING EXPANSION OF HOLYROOD ACADEMY

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Somerset Local Authority, with the agreement of the Directors of Uffculme Academy Trust, proposed to expand the capacity of Holyrood Academy to accommodate an additional 225 students in years 7–11. The consultation period has now closed, and the Trust received a number of responses as follows;

***Please could you tell me the current average class size based on each year cohort?***

The average class sizes at Holyrood Academy are

- 26.9 students in Year 7
- 26.5 students in Year 8
- 24.1 students in Year 9
- 23.3 students in Year 10
- 21.5 students in Year 11
- 10.6 students in Year 12
- 9.4 students in Year 13

***How many extra full time teaching staff does the Trust intend to employ in relation to this proposal?***

The Academy calculates staffing requirements based upon student numbers and the number of classes required per subject. This is regularly reviewed by the Academy and by the Trust and for example in this academic year, the Academy appointed two additional staff to accommodate option choices.

***Will the current admissions policy change to limit class size for the yearly cohort to the 270, or could this rise to 297 if the 9 classes were forced to take 33 pupils each?***

Following the completion of the project the capacity of the Academy, based upon Department of Education building guidance would allow for 1350 students in Years 7 - 11 and 150 students in Year 12. The Trust is still able to set within our admissions policy the Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) and there are no plans to go above the PAN of 270 students in each year

group. The Academy has traditionally set the PAN below this number so as to allow for any students moving into the catchment area that would require at place at Holyrood Academy.

***Will the new building be net carbon zero and will refurbishments to older areas of the school include carbon reduction schemes?***

Although the new build is not carbon neutral, it is the first all-electric school building that Somerset Local Authority are building. Any ongoing or future projects look at ways to incorporate green energy and the Academy already has a number of solar panels.

**One concern was raised about the size of the school and the potential impact on traffic.**

The Academy does not anticipate the need for any additional school buses as a result of this proposal and local students are encouraged to walk to school, where practical.

