

Proposed Changes to Admission Arrangements for 2025/26

The School Admission Code, published in September 2021, requires admissions authorities to consult on their admission arrangements if they are proposing to make changes or if admission arrangements have not been subject to consultation at least once in the last seven years.

The Published Admission Number [PAN] for Oldbury Academy is currently 310. Having reviewed this, Oldbury Academy's Senior Leadership Team, in consultation with the Local Governing Body and Stour Vale Academy Trust (the Admissions Authority) wish to reduce the PAN to 270.

The basis for this change is to ensure the excellent teaching and learning, identified by Ofsted, continues and is further enhanced by supporting class sizes that will promote a focussed learning environment for the benefit of current and future students. The decision also supports the future financial viability of the school as we adjust the curriculum and staffing models due to the reduced numbers of students coming through into Sandwell secondary schools.

This consultation will run from Wednesday **29th November 2023 to 5pm. Wednesday 10th January 2024** and you are invited to submit comments or objections, in writing, to:

Stour Vale Academy Trust - Admissions Consultation, c/o Halesowen College, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, B63 3NA

Or by email to: info@svat.org.uk

Following the consultation period the Local Governing Body will consider any comments received and will present their recommendations to Stour Vale Board of Trustees for formal consideration.

The final admission arrangements for 2025/26 will be determined by 28th February 2024 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator [see link below] by no later than 15th May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator>