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Dear Parent or Carer,

Rushcliffe School seeks views on planned expansion

We would like to invite you to attend an informal public consultation between 4pm and 7pm on Tuesday 7th June in the Eatz dining hall, Rushcliffe School, Boundary Road, West Bridgford, NG2 7BW

Rushcliffe School has secured £4million of government funding for a proposed new performing arts and language centre. The new building would allow the popular school to admit more pupils and ease pressure on admissions in the West Bridgford area:

It would include 3 drama studios, which could be opened up to create a 270 square metre space accommodating an audience of up to 300. It would also house all the school's modern foreign languages and music classrooms as well as music tuition rooms. In addition, the facilities would be available as a community resource.

The school is now seeking views from parents, neighbours and other schools in the area on increasing its capacity from 1480 to 1980 pupils. Rushcliffe currently has a planned admission number (PAN) of 250 pupils into year 7 each September. It seeks, over time, to increase this to around 290, subject to securing further funding to complete its development plans.

Rushcliffe is a very popular and highly successful school. It is recognised by the Minister of Schools as being among the top 100 in the country and by OFSTED as “Outstanding”. It's also the lead school in the Trent Academies Group and one of only 26 ‘World Class’ status schools in England. As a result, it's heavily oversubscribed.

Demographic data shows the school will need more capacity to accommodate the number of pupils due to come from its catchment area in the coming years. Going ahead with this building and increasing our PAN would be an important step towards ensuring there are enough school places for families in the area.

To accommodate the rising number of children in its catchment area the school has already increased its planned admission number from 230 to 250 and both last year and this year the school actually offered more places than the PAN to ensure catchment families were not disappointed.

The school has traditionally been an 8-form entry school (and there are currently 8 classes in years 8-11). Last year it went to 9-form entry in year 7 and in 2016/17 there will be 10 classes in year 7. Our ambition is to remain a 10 form-entry school from now on.

**Steve Lewis
Head Teacher**

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