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17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Ref: Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for September 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers

In accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the School Admissions Code, we are required to undertake a six-week consultation on proposed changes to our admission arrangements.

I have outlined below the proposed changes for your information.

- Oversubscription criteria for Lawnside Academy – removal of catchment area to align with other local primary schools
- Inclusion of Castle Newnham – joined BEST as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – oversubscription criterias adjusted to align with BEST academies
- Reduction of Samuel Whitbread Academy Yr 9 published admission number (PAN) from 400 to 380 – due to school organisational changes in the local area

The consultation will remain open until 12 noon on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Should you wish to comment on the above, please email [admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan".

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