

Sixth Form Partnership – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

About the Partnership

1. What is the new Sixth Form partnership?

Branston Community Academy is entering a post-16 partnership with John Leggott College to strengthen and enhance Sixth Form provision. The partnership brings together shared expertise to broaden opportunities, raise aspiration and support strong progression and destinations for students.

2. Why has Branston chosen to partner with John Leggott College?

John Leggott College has a strong track record of high-quality post-16 education, excellent destinations, inclusive practice and a focus on student development beyond the classroom. This partnership allows Branston to offer a richer Sixth Form experience while remaining rooted in the local community.

3. When does the partnership begin?

The partnership will begin from September 2026, with a carefully planned transition to ensure clarity, stability and continuity for all students.

What This Means for Students

4. How will students benefit from the partnership?

Students will benefit from:

- Strong careers education, enrichment and work-based learning
- Clear progression routes to university, apprenticeships and employment
- High expectations with strong pastoral support
- A Sixth Form experience focused on confidence, independence and future success

5. Will students still feel part of Branston Community Academy?

Yes. Students remain Branston students, supported by shared values, high expectations and a strong sense of belonging. The partnership enhances provision but does not remove Branston's identity or ethos.

6. Is this just about exam results?

No. While academic success remains vital, the partnership is designed to prepare students for life beyond exams — including careers, employability skills, leadership opportunities and personal development.

For Current Year 12 Students (Moving into Year 13)

7. Will this affect my Year 13 studies or exam outcomes?

No. There will be no disruption to learning or exam preparation. The partnership strengthens support in Year 13, particularly around UCAS, careers guidance and progression planning.

8. Will teaching staff or courses change suddenly?

There will be no sudden or unplanned changes. Any developments are carefully managed to ensure stability and consistency in teaching and support.

For Year 11 Students Moving into Year 12

9. What will Sixth Form look like under the partnership?

Sixth Form will offer:

- A broad and flexible curriculum model
- Enrichment and super-curriculum opportunities
- Careers and progression support from the start of Year 12
- High expectations alongside strong guidance and care

10. Does this change my Sixth Form offer or place?

No. Existing offers remain valid. The partnership strengthens the Sixth Form experience you are joining rather than changing your entitlement.

For Parents and Carers

11. Will there be changes to safeguarding or student support?

Safeguarding remains a core priority. Students continue to be supported through clear pastoral structures, strong communication and shared responsibility across the partnership.

12. How will parents stay informed?

Parents will receive:

- Regular updates through newsletters and emails
- Access to a dedicated partnership webpage and live FAQ
- Invitations to meetings and Q&A sessions
- Clear points of contact for questions and support

13. Who do I contact if I have questions?

A dedicated partnership email address is available, and questions will be responded to promptly. During key transition points, additional staff availability will be in place to support families.

For Younger Students (Years 7–10)

14. Does this affect my child now?

No. There is no change to the day-to-day experience of students in Years 7–10. The partnership ensures that a strong Sixth Form pathway is in place for the future.

15. Why is this good for younger students?

It raises aspiration early by showing clear, ambitious post-16 routes and strong destinations, helping students see how their learning connects to future opportunities.

For Staff and Governors

16. How is quality and accountability maintained?

The partnership operates within a fully managed post-16 framework, with clear leadership, shared expectations and robust quality assurance processes.

17. How does this align with Branston's strategic vision?

The partnership supports Branston's commitment to raising aspiration, improving destinations and serving the local community, while ensuring sustainable, high-quality Sixth Form provision.

Looking Ahead

18. What happens next?

Over the coming weeks and months, stakeholders can expect:

- Student assemblies and meetings
- Parent information sessions
- Continued updates via the website and newsletters
- Ongoing opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback

19. Will this FAQ be updated?

Yes. This FAQ is a live document and will be updated regularly as questions are raised and new information becomes available.