A New Chapter for Sixth Form at Branston Community Academy

By Mr James Carter, Principal

At Branston Community Academy, our commitment has always been to ensure that every young person leaves us well prepared for the next stage of their education, training or employment. Today, I am pleased to share an important and exciting development that strengthens this commitment even further.

From September, Branston Community Academy will be entering a new post-16 partnership with John Leggott College, designed to enhance and enrich the Sixth Form experience for our students.

Why this partnership matters

This partnership has been developed carefully and purposefully. It reflects our shared belief that post-16 education should be ambitious, inclusive and rooted in real opportunity.
By working in partnership with John Leggott College, we are able to offer a Sixth Form experience that places strong emphasis on:

- Raising aspiration
- Broadening opportunity
- Supporting successful progression and destinations

This is a partnership built around a fully managed post-16 model, combining high expectations, strong pastoral care and a clear focus on what young people need to succeed beyond school.

What this means for our students

Over time the partnership will provide students with access to:

- A broader range of academic and vocational pathways, supporting different strengths, interests and ambitions
- High-quality careers education, work-based learning and enrichment, ensuring students develop confidence, independence and transferable skills
- Outstanding progression support, with strong preparation for university (including Russell Group and Oxbridge routes), apprenticeships and employment
- A Sixth Form experience that goes beyond the classroom, developing well-rounded, resilient and aspirational young people

For students currently in our Sixth Form, this partnership strengthens existing provision and enhances the support available as they move towards their next steps. For younger students, it ensures that a clear, ambitious post-16 pathway is firmly in place for the future.

What stays the same

It is important to be clear that this partnership is about enhancement. Branston Community Academy remains committed to:

- High standards of behaviour, attendance and academic challenge
- Strong pastoral support and safeguarding
- Knowing our students well and supporting them as individuals
- Working closely with families and the wider community

Students will continue to be supported by staff who share Branston's values and expectations, within a Sixth Form culture that promotes ambition, responsibility and respect.

Working together as a community

We recognise that changes of this nature bring questions, and we are committed to being open, transparent and communicative at every stage. Over the coming weeks, there will be:

- Opportunities for students to ask questions directly
- Meetings and information sessions for parents
- A dedicated partnership area on our website, including a live FAQ

This partnership reflects our responsibility not only to current students, but also to the future generations of young people in our community. It is a forward-looking step that strengthens our post-16 provision and supports our ambition for every learner to succeed.

I am genuinely excited about what this partnership will bring and look forward to working closely with students, parents, staff, governors and our wider community as we move into this next chapter for Sixth Form at Branston Community Academy.

Mr James Carter

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