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Ref: Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for September 2028

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and Community Members,

In accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the School Admissions Code, we are opening a six-week public consultation on proposed changes to our admission arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year (September 2028 entry).

The proposed changes are outlined below:

Pix Brook Academy

- Reduction of Year 5 PAN: Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 180 to 150, reflecting school organisational changes in the local area.

Samuel Whitbread Academy

Running alongside this consultation is a separate consultation regarding an expansion of the age range at Samuel Whitbread Academy. The proposed changes to admission arrangements for September 2028 include:

- New Year 7 Point of Entry: Addition of a Year 7 point of entry with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 90.
- Reduction of Year 9 PAN: Reduction of the Year 9 PAN from 380 to 360.
- Oversubscription Criteria: Amendment of the oversubscription criteria for the Year 9 point of entry.

Further details regarding the age range expansion can be found in the consultation document on the BEST website at [BEST news page](#).

How to Respond

The consultation period opens today and will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, 12 November 2026.

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If you would like to submit feedback or comments regarding any of these proposals, please email admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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