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Gary Evans, Principal of Halewood Academy, said: “In recent years, the majority of Year 11 students at Halewood Academy have chosen to study A Levels elsewhere. We have only 55 students in the current Year 12 and only 65 students in the current Year 11 applied for a place. These low numbers mean that continuing to provide the quality A Level provision that Halewood Academy pupils deserve is financially unviable and to continue to do so would put the school at a significant financial risk. For that reason the Governors have taken the decision to recommend that the sixth form be closed after the end of the next academic year (August 2017).”

“During the consultation our priority has been, quite appropriately, to speak with those directly affected rather than providing a commentary for the media. We held a meeting for parents and pupils which was well attended and have spoken to several parents and pupils to discuss how the proposals would impact them.”

“In total we had 25 responses to our consultation and we carefully considered all the questions and comments raised before coming to our decision. Today we have written to parents and pupils outlining that decision and explaining the reasons for it. Once again, as a school our first priority is our pupils and parents and we felt it right and proper to inform them first, before making statements in the media.”

“We have been clear with parents and pupils that we would support those pupils who are currently half way through their A Level studies to stay on at the school and complete their courses here as long as they still wish to do so. That remains the case and those pupils and parents can be reassured of that.”

“The Governor’s recommendation has been shared with the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Department for Education who will make the final decision on the future of the sixth form.”