

Shrewsbury Academies Trust Consultation to Reduce Pupil Admission Number

You will be aware that Shrewsbury Academies Trust is proposing that the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of Shrewsbury Academy, currently 237 is reduced to 187.

The PAN applies to every Year Group into which students can be admitted. This admission number is the maximum number of students that the admission authority will admit to each Year Group. Each school has a Published Number to Admit. This number will have been agreed with the Local Authority (Shropshire) The Published Number is divided evenly into each Year Group to arrive at the PAN.

The current PAN of 237 is the combined figure of The Grange and Sundorne Schools prior to them becoming Shrewsbury Academy on 1st September 2016. Currently there are 183 students in Year 7 and we anticipate a similar number for September 2017 and September 2018. Based on these figures, Shrewsbury Academies Trust believe it is important to adjust the PAN to reflect the historical intake, current intake and predicted intake into the immediate future. There are risks in having a PAN which is substantially above the number of students admitted to the school which include:

1. Vulnerability to receive students permanently excluded from other schools
2. Publication of oversubscribed/undersubscribed data which suggests a school is not popular or is unsuccessful
3. The necessity to maintain significant vacant capacity at considerable cost to the Trust.

In order to minimise the risks presented above, Shrewsbury Academies Trust are consulting on the PAN being reduced.

Your comments in respect of the consultation can be sent to I.beeston@sat.coop in the first instance.

Please note the consultation will close on Friday 27th January 2017.