



Each of Prior Pursglove College and Stockton Sixth Form College hereby give notice<sup>1</sup> in accordance with the provisions of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (the Act) as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 and the Education Act 2011 of the proposal that Prior Pursglove College (Church Walk, Guisborough TS14 6BU) and Stockton Sixth Form College (Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0QD), be dissolved and the property, rights, assets and liabilities of each corporation be transferred to a newly incorporated sixth form college, proposed to be called, Prior Pursglove and Stockton Sixth Form College with registered address at Church Walk, Guisborough TS14 6BU.

Dissolution of both sixth form colleges is proposed at the request of both corporations in order that the colleges merge on an equal basis and create an entirely new sixth form college. Both sixth form colleges have managed the impact of the year on year decrease in the level of funding for each post-16 student, but believe the creation of a new sixth form college will protect the high quality and broad ranging provision at both current sites. Both sixth form colleges have been running successfully as sixth form college corporations since 1993 and wish to formalise their partnership working to strengthen and secure sixth form provision in the region for the longer term, with the establishment of a new sixth form college corporation. The sixth form colleges believe that continuing to use the legal form of a sixth form college corporation will best meet their needs in the future.

The date proposed for the incorporation of the new sixth form college is 1 April 2016 with operations commencing on 1 May 2016. It is proposed that the individual corporations of Prior Pursglove College and Stockton Sixth Form College will dissolve on 1 May 2016. Provision will be made for all students currently attending Prior Pursglove College or Stockton Sixth Form College to continue their education with the newly incorporated college.

Learner numbers for each of the existing sixth form colleges and estimated learner numbers for the proposed new sixth form college on 1 May 2016 are set out below:

	<b>Prior Pursglove College</b>	<b>Stockton Sixth Form College</b>	<b>Prior Pursglove and Stockton Sixth Form College</b>
<b>16-19 Learners</b>	1200	700	1900
<b>Apprentices 16-19</b>	23	0	23
<b>Apprentices 19+</b>	7 PT (2.1 FTE)	0	7 PT (2.1FTE)
<b>Adult learners</b>	500 PT (50 FTE)	0	500 PT (50FTE)
<b>Total</b>	1275.1 FTE	700 FTE	1975.1 FTE
Percentage of total enrolment number aged 16-19 (based on FTE)			97.4 <sup>2</sup>

Prior Pursglove College offers a wide range of courses and the majority of its students take Level 3 Programmes with subjects offered at A level and BTEC. Many of the programmes are centred on meeting regional skills needs in areas such as STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), health and social care, creative technologies, business and accounting. Stockton Sixth Form College delivers A level, BTEC and GCSE qualifications to students across the region. It also offers short courses at Level 1 and Level 2 which enable young people to gain additional qualifications, access work experience opportunities and boost employability.

The existing provision of the individual sixth form colleges will transfer to the new sixth form college. Prior Pursglove and Stockton Sixth Form College will offer a wide range of courses to suit all levels and abilities and it is expected that the majority of the students will undertake GCSE, A-level and BTEC qualifications.

A copy of the draft proposal is available free of charge at [www.pursglove.ac.uk](http://www.pursglove.ac.uk) or [www.stocktonsfsc.ac.uk](http://www.stocktonsfsc.ac.uk) or by requesting a copy via email at [consultation@pursglove.ac.uk](mailto:consultation@pursglove.ac.uk) or [consultation@stocktonsfsc.ac.uk](mailto:consultation@stocktonsfsc.ac.uk) and will be sent to any person who requests it.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, representations may be made by 23 November 2015 in writing to the email addresses listed above or to either sixth form college directly.

<sup>1</sup> This statutory notice supercedes a previous notice dated 17 September 2015 published by the Prior Pursglove College and Stockton Sixth Form College regarding their proposed merger to reflect a revision to the proposal timetable and to clarify enrolment statistics of the proposed new college.

<sup>2</sup> The FTE figures have been calculated in line with the multipliers expressed in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 3 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992. Using the formula in the Act the proportion of 16-19 learners at the proposed new college on opening is expected to be 97.4% of the total enrolment number.