

Consultation on increasing the age range in accordance with the Published Admission Number (PAN) at The Studio, Liverpool.

This consultation is to seek your views on the proposed change to the admissions age range of The Studio, Liverpool.

We are proposing to increase the age range, to allow students to join The Studio at the end of Year 8 for Year 9 provision as well as the current admissions to Years 10 and 12.

The net capacity of The Studio, and published admissions number, is 300 and will not be increased at this time.

Locally, a significant number of secondary schools have changed the breakdown of their provision to allow students to complete a two-year Key Stage 3 and a three-year Key Stage 4. This change to the traditional delivery timings has caused the entry to Year 10 provision to start a Key Stage 4 programme to be inappropriate for some students.

The Studio has thus experienced an increase in numbers of students requesting the opportunity to join The Studio at the end of Year 8 and a number of students joining Year 10 having already completed one year of preparation for their GCSE options. The Studio has always made provision for students in special circumstances, such as high achieving students, or those who have a significant medical, personal or educational need to join at this point to complete a two year accelerated programme.

As an Ofsted rated “Good” school, there is an expectation that The Studio should support the Local Authority in meeting the need for sufficient good or outstanding places that offer an appropriate curriculum – in our case one that supports the growth sectors of digital and creative within the Liverpool City region.

This consultation is therefore to gain your views and comments on this proposal to allow entry to The Studio, Liverpool at the start of Year 9 prior to any decisions being made. We are informing local community and other stakeholders in the area.

The consultation process will continue until 13th July 2018, after which a full analysis and report with recommendations will be made.

Any comments or suggestions should be made in writing either by post or email to Sian Turner, Clerk to the Trust at the above address or by email to s.turner@northernschoolstrust.co.uk