

Consultation on the proposed reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 9 and Year 12 at UTC Plymouth

Background

UTC Plymouth was a 14-19 college serving pupils aged 14-19. The College had a formal capacity for a maximum of 650 students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The normal point of admission was into Year-10 and Year-12 (VI Form). The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the maximum number of pupils that the college could admit in each of years 10 and 12, was 150 pupils.

In September 2019, the college expanded its age range to admit pupils from Year-9. The PAN at the normal age of entry for each year group remained at 150 pupils.

In September 2020, the college extended its age range once more to admit pupils from Year-7. This meant that the college would take all secondary school year groups from Year-7 to Year-13. To recognise that the college would now be taking the full secondary age range of pupils, the PAN for Year-7 was set at 120 pupils. The college had historically been undersubscribed and so there was no reason at that time to limit the number of pupils seeking entry at Year-9 and Year-12. For this reason, the PAN for these year groups remained at 150.

The popularity of the UTC Plymouth and demand for places has grown significantly over recent years and the college is now oversubscribed. We can no longer offer additional places in the older years. We are now proposing to harmonise the PAN for all year groups to 120 pupils including Year-9 and Year-12.

Proposal

The Reach South Academy Trust Board, as Admission Authority for the UTC Plymouth, proposes to reduce the PAN for Year-9 and Year-12 from 150 to 120, with effect from September 2022.

This reduction will mean that the number of places available for children in Year-9 and Year-12 will be 120, from September 2022. This is the only proposed change to the Admission Arrangements; all other criteria will remain the same.

The reason for this proposal is that the current UTC Plymouth building does not have sufficient space to maintain the larger PANs at Year-9 and Year-12.

Who is consulted?

This consultation is for the attention of:

Parents of children who attend the school
Parents in the area
Plymouth City Council

How to Respond

The consultation will run from Wednesday 8 September 2021 to Wednesday 20 October 2021, and we invite you to submit comments regarding the proposal to info@reachsouth.org by Wednesday 20 October 2021.

Following the six-week consultation, the Trust Board will consider all comments received and determine admission arrangements for 2022-23 onwards.