

# Pathways for All Sector-Wide Conversation

## No Young Person Left Behind: Driving Post-16 Change in Kent

The Pathways for All Strategic Board was formed in September 2022 to take forward the recommendations of the [Pathways for All](#) review. The review made eight major recommendations and the Board (and its Recommendation Implementation Groups) have been taking forward each of these over the course of the past academic year.

You are [invited to an event](#) that focuses on Recommendation 3 – developing locally-based collaborative responses to the challenges currently facing the sector. These include:

- Qualifications reform and the threats this poses to some of the pathways currently taken by a significant proportion of our young people
- The limited offers available in small sixth forms and the extent to which this is restricting the aspirations of, and post-18 pathways available for, our young people
- The lack of places and pathways in alternative provision for those of our young people currently unable to enter mainstream provision at 16, and the limitations that this imposes on their life chances
- Contextual developments and their impact on post-16 pathways – for example, a cost of living crisis that makes participation in post-16 education challenging for some young people, and enduring pressures on budgets and resources in most settings.

It is the Board's view that collaboration at a local level between providers must play a central role if the sector is to deliver the diverse range of pathways necessary to retain all of our young people in some form of learning-related activity between the ages of 16 and 18, giving them the best chance of securing good outcomes and progression at 18.

To kickstart the process the Board has identified an immediate and pressing need to engage with the sector as a whole in relation to Recommendation 3 – local collaboration is therefore the focus for this event, the first Pathways for All sector-wide meeting. The meeting will bring together headteachers, academy and college principals, CEOs of multi-academy trusts and training organisations to consider, *inter alia*:

1. The challenges we face as post-16 providers and what our approach to meeting these looks like
2. In particular which of our young people are at risk in the post-16 landscape, post-reform, and how we can ensure that their needs are met and that they are not left behind
3. The place that collaboration between providers has in ensuring that we maintain and create post-16 pathways for *all*, not just for *some* of our young people
4. How we raise awareness about the range of post-16 options that are available
5. How we support and enable our young people to access the full range of provision.

The meeting on 28 November will help to lay the foundations on which local solutions to these challenges will be built. We – and you – need your voice in the room.

Please attend. [Click here to book your place.](#)