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To: The Governing Body, Parents, Pupils and Staff of Middleton Technology School, Rochdale Secondary Schools, Rochdale Sixth Form College, Hopwood Hall College, Education Funding Agency, MPs for Middleton & Heywood and Rochdale, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Middleton Primary Schools, Salford and Manchester Diocesan Authorities, and Neighbouring Local Authorities

Dear Sir/Madam

**MIDDLETON TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL  
PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SIXTH FORM PROVISION IN 2013.**

***This letter is sent to tell you about a proposed change to Middleton Technology School***

Dear Sir/Madam,

***Following the request of the school governing body, and a period of public consultation last term, the Local Authority has decided to publish proposals to remove Sixth Form provision at Middleton Technology School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.***

Proposals to close the Sixth Form have been published in the Middleton Guardian on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. A summary of the proposal is on the next page of this letter. The full consultation documentation is available at: <http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/middtech/> (Rochdale Council website) and the school website at: [www.middtech.com](http://www.middtech.com). Copies are also available from Dawn Jennings at the address below.

If you want to make representations about the proposal you must do so within six weeks- that is by midnight on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Any person may make comments by sending them to: Dawn Jennings, School Organisation and Development Team, Support for Learning Service, PO Box 70, Municipal Offices, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1YD, or by e-mail to [dawn.jennings@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.jennings@rochdale.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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## **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE SIXTH FORM AT MIDDLETON TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL**

### **What is being proposed?**

The proposal is to close the Sixth Form Provision at Middleton Technology School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013. Sixth Form provision for Middleton Township will continue to be provided through a combination of provision- Rochdale Sixth Form College, Hopwood Hall College, St.Anne's Academy and Cardinal Langley RC High School. There are other post-16 providers in adjacent local authority areas.

### **Why does the Local Authority want to do this?**

The Governing Body has looked at the educational and financial viability of continuing with the small sixth form provision at the school. The small numbers of students, together with changes to the funding arrangements for school sixth forms means that the school cannot afford to continue with a sixth form. The Local Authority considered the views of the Governing Body together with views put forward through public consultation and has decided to publish statutory proposals to close the Sixth Form.

### **What would happen and when?**

The Sixth Form would close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013. There are no Year 12 students this year. Those students who started their Year 13 programme last September will be able to finish their studies at the school unaffected.

### **How will the closure be managed?**

The Governing Body will plan the curriculum and staffing implications of the change in the context of managing the school budget.

### **Consultation**

There is a statutory 6 week representation period starting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. This ends at midnight on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **Who takes the decision?**

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the Local Authority will consider all responses received within the representation period. It will then decide whether or not to go ahead with the proposed closure.

### **How can I make my views known?**

If you have any questions about the proposal, an open drop-in session has been arranged for **4.30-6.00pm on WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013**. It will be held in the bottom floor of the Sixth Form Block at the school.

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