



## Plymouth Catholic Schools Trust Multi Academy Trust Notice 1708

### **TITLE: Catholic Secondary Provision in Plymouth**

The recent decline of pupil numbers at Plymouth CAST secondary schools in Plymouth has been a cause for concern and the Board are working tirelessly to address the situation.

Across both our secondary schools in Plymouth: St Boniface's College and Notre Dame there has been a combined reduction of almost 20% over four years. The situation is a result of a combination of internal and external pressures but is now showing signs of improvement with healthier demographics and clearly defined plans for school improvement.

This situation has naturally given rise to speculation about the future provision of Catholic secondary education in the City of Plymouth; and in particular the future of St Boniface's College.

Plymouth CAST is totally committed to the provision of high quality Catholic Secondary Education in Plymouth. Both schools will continue to offer education from Year 7 to Year 13.

The Board will conduct a full review of Catholic Secondary provision in Plymouth, in order to ensure we offer the very best quality and service, in an affordable and effective way, to deliver the necessary impact on learning outcomes for our pupils.

The review will report by 30 October 2017.

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Kate Griffin  
Interim CEO

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