

Writing to Warwickshire County Council Cabinet Members

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet will be meeting on 15th December to make a decision on the Schools' Funding Formula. You can help to influence the decision that they make by writing to cabinet members and ensuring that they are well informed about how this decision will affect Rugby High School.

Here are some points that you might like to make in your letter to Warwickshire County Council Cabinet Members. Please feel free to select from this list and to add your own arguments:

The plans to redistribute specialisms money between all secondary schools on the grounds that the specialisms programme has ended ignore the commitments that some academies have made in their funding agreements (including Rugby High School) to continue working in these areas.

Clause 48c of Rugby High School's Funding Agreement suggests that the County Council does not have the power to make a decision with regard to redistributing the academy's specialist funding.

Outstanding schools like Rugby High School worked hard to acquire a second specialism and have built up experienced teams who carry out a range of activities designed to motivate students, supplement provision and help raise standards in partner schools. See the extracts from the school's report covering the summer term for examples of some of this work. If the proposal to redistribute the specialism money goes ahead, this expertise risks being lost.

The proposal to alter the local funding formula is being put forward at a time when schools with Sixth Forms like RHS are already facing significant loses because of adjustments that the government has made to Sixth Form funding. although Lord Hill, the Under Secretary of Sate for Schools has said that the specialisms money was being allocated to local authorities on the same basis as previously 'in order to avoid too much turbulence in school budgets'.

RHS is facing a cut of 37.4% in its specialisms funding (£69,782) at the same time as it is losing £237,681 (spread over three years) from its Sixth Form budget.

The school is committed to working collaboratively to raise standards across the educational system. Cuts of this magnitude will have an effect on the quality of provision at this outstanding school and will limit its ability to work with other schools because it will not be able to afford the staffing to do so.

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