



Rye Academy Trust

17th October, 2017

Dear Parents,

RE: Studio School Progression Routes

I write on behalf of trustees to provide an update regarding our progression routes for the 2018-19 academic year. At this point of the academic year it is important that students, in particular those in Years 9 and 11, are clear about the options open to them.

Regrettably, for September 2018, Trustees have determined there will be no discrete courses on offer in either key stage four or five effectively bringing an end to our current Studio School curriculum. Rye Academy Trust has worked tirelessly with the Department for Education and Regional Schools Commissioner to ensure that a strong primary and secondary educational offer remains in Rye for generations to come. These discussions have recognised the importance of the creative economy within our local area which will continue to be reflected in the curriculum offer at Rye Community Primary School and Rye College.

Students who wish to pursue creative arts courses in Years 10 and 11 will have a number of options through Rye College. It is important that all our students experience an exceptional education through a broad and balanced curriculum with an academic core. Further information regarding our Key Stage 4 offer for Year 9 students will be available in the new year.

We are pleased to be able retain the respected 'Rye Studio School' brand for future development. We have plans to extend the use of the Studio School building across the campus, so that all learners are able to benefit from these excellent facilities, preserving the building as a home for the creative arts.

Trustees recognise this development may be disappointing. We will be working closely with other local colleges and sixth forms through our "Success at 16" programme to ensure access to further education for our leavers. In addition, one-to-one career interviews and further information, advice and guidance is on offer to all year 11 students.

If you have any questions about the careers provision please contact Leah Greenough.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hulme', is written over a large, faint watermark of the Rye Academy Trust crest.

Tim Hulme
CEO – Rye Academy Trust