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Dear Parent / Carer

Swift Academies & Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College merger into Inicio Academies

This week Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College has published a proposal to become a 16-19 academy in partnership with Swift Academies (Hurworth School, Longfield Academy and The Rydal Academy), with the aim of forming a new multi academy trust on the 1st April 2024 - Inicio Academies.

Our intention in doing this is to secure the best future for all pupils within Swift Academies in a changing educational landscape. We recognise that by forming a broader partnership with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College we can preserve Longfield Academy's unique identity and high-quality pupil experience, whilst also increasing our sustainability and playing an enhanced role in the communities we serve across the region.

We believe by forming Inicio Academies, we will each be able to go beyond what any individual school or college can achieve. We will create a better resourced, better connected, and better supported organisation with the capacity, skill and influence to positively impact the futures of more young people through mutual support and sustainable growth.

The public consultation document which can be found here, <https://www.qeliz.ac.uk/consultation/> gives further detail of our vision.

At the heart of our proposal is an unswerving commitment to ensuring that Longfield Academy goes on to serve future generations of pupils to prepare them ultimately to achieve their aims and ambitions.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A. Sweeten
Headteacher