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Dear Members of the Local Community

RE-SHAPING SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

As many members of the local community will know, Sacred Heart High School is now entering an exciting period in which we will make major alterations to our school. This is part of a national government programme of school refurbishment called "Building Schools for the Future" or BSF.

We are seeking to involve local residents, businesses and local services as well as members of the school community such as parents, governors and staff by working with different members of the community in this process.

This investment will allow us to make significant changes to the learning environment, but it will not be enough to build a completely new school. We will therefore need to plan carefully in order to bring about the greatest improvements possible within the budget. Most of our existing buildings will remain where they are and we will consider what re-modelling can be done to give our working spaces a new look and a new feel, to make them suitable for the kind of learning that our young people will be doing in the future.

COLLECTING GOOD IDEAS

We are seeking to work with different groups of people to ensure that we make the best decisions during this process. We will be collecting comments and ideas from people who know and use the school buildings and drawing on these to inform our detailed work with architects. Teachers, support staff and students will know the good and bad points of our present buildings; but residents, and members of the local community may also have helpful ideas and suggestions concerning the way the 'new look' Sacred Heart High School could be an even more central part of this community. Now is the time to make these views known to us as we begin to work on our plans.

OPTIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

I am attaching a questionnaire to this letter for anyone who wishes to contribute their views. We hope it will give you an idea of the kinds of questions we are now thinking about. If you feel you would like to add your ideas to these discussions, or become part of the process, please respond to any parts of this questionnaire or add your further thoughts and return to the school by Thursday 9th October 2008. Alternatively please visit our website www.sacredhearthighschool.org.uk and email your comments to bsf@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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