A. Classes will continue B. The financial benefit for others of staying in the same place C. Our attitude will never change D. A difficult task	E. No choice F. Making the whole district look better G. The plan and the cost H. Friendly discussions

1. The quality of the teaching and learning at the College will always be the most important consideration. That's why we intend to create a brand new College campus. We want our students to have the opportunity to learn in modern, up-to-date facilities. This investment is timed to make sure that our future students will also have top-class facilities.

2. We are very aware of the fact that the College stands at the heart of the historic part of the town, with its many attractive old buildings. We view this as an opportunity to improve this area in general. With the exception of the historic Great Hall, all the existing buildings, which are in a mixture of styles and are not attractive, will be pulled down. A new state-of-the-art campus will be constructed that will greatly improve the appearance of this part of the town.

3. The College intends to modernise its current site in a multi-million pound investment to upgrade its buildings and create a new campus. The College has secured support and funding for the project and is now looking for a suitable developer to take the project forward. Although no formal plans have been submitted at this stage, the College aims to redevelop the existing location with new buildings in one area and sell the remaining land for development. The total amount of spending for the whole project will be about £40 million.

4. During the creation of our new campus, we intend to ensure that the redevelopment takes place away from any buildings that will still be in use. It will be business as usual for the College. An assessment of all the existing buildings will be carried out to make sure that they are capable of providing a suitable learning environment until the new buildings are complete. Where necessary, money will be made available to ensure that these buildings remain fit-for-purpose until the new buildings are ready.

5. The College understands the contribution that it makes to the local economy, both in terms of employment and the business generated by our thousands of students and staff. We believe the decision to rebuild the campus here in the town centre, rather than moving to a location outside it, will be very good for the town centre and will help it to continue to be economically successful.

6. We are determined to work closely with our local neighbours on this project. Although there will be a formal public consultation process as part of the planning procedures, we will also be inviting our immediate local residents to more informal meetings where we can give our full attention to their views and opinions. Our consultants are beginning work on putting together plans that will give us an idea of what the new campus will look like. We will consult closely with local people as the project progresses. Our intention is to create a College that benefits everyone.

7. We are aware of people's worries concerning the redevelopment of the site, but we cannot continue in the existing buildings in the long term. They have become tired and unworkable and are now proving very costly to maintain - which is money that should be spent directly on teaching and learning. The buildings do not meet our needs for the 21st century or the requirements of our students. They are, quite simply, outdated.

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