

Proposal for Change of Status of Abbotsfield School from single sex (11-16) to coeducational

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School and LA details

Abbotsfield School is part of the London Borough of Hillingdon Local Authority. Abbotsfield School is currently an 11-16 Boys school with a co-educational Post 16 Centre. The address is:

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Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The governors of Abbotsfield School proposes to change the 11-16 status of the school from single sex (boys) to coeducational, from 1st September 2016. The 16-18 Post 16 Centre is already coeducational. This alteration is part of a wider development for Abbotsfield, which includes increasing the number of pupil places. The school undertook an informal consultation in November and December 2014, only parents of current boys responded. Nearly all respondents supported the proposed change with most respondents stating the prime reason for this support would be that their daughters could attend the school.

Objectives

The objectives of the proposal are:

- Enhance the curriculum offer to pupils.
- Improve Educational Standards.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

With the well documented and significant increase in pupil numbers in the London Borough of Hillingdon over the next five years the governors see no effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

There are no significant project costs – the proposed change of status will coincide with new school buildings as part of the government's Priority School Building Programme. These new facilities will provide new accommodation suited to mixed education. It is expected that the school will attract more pupils as a coeducational school and the increased numbers will ensure the school is more cost effective.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

The governors of Abbotsfield School proposes to change the 11-16 status of the school from single sex (boys) to coeducational for the Year 7 intake of 2016, in this academic year the school will only accept male in-year admissions for Years 8 upwards. This will continue in subsequent years, so that in academic year starting September 2017 the school will be coeducational for the Year 7 intake and accept boys and girls as in-year admissions for Years 7 & 8 but will only accept male in-year admissions for Years 9 upwards. This will continue until the school is fully coeducational in 2021.

Procedure for responses: support, objections and comments

Anybody can object to, or comment on, the proposal. The consultation ('Representation') period is for four weeks, starting on the publication date and ending on 13th February 2015.

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