

Building Schools for the Future

Transforming the educational opportunities of children and young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LDD)/Special Educational Needs (SEN) in Hammersmith and Fulham

This leaflet summarises proposals on which the council is consulting. They are designed to transform the educational experience for young people with Learning Difficulties & Disabilities/Special Educational Needs (LDD)/SEN in Hammersmith & Fulham. The council has a strong record in its provision for young people with Learning Difficulties/Special Education Needs; we want to build on this record and would like to hear your views.

We are including the Bridge Academy in this consultation not only because it is directly involved in plans for the relocation of certain special schools but also because it offers a unique form of special provision, namely alternative secondary provision.

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is the biggest ever school buildings' investment programme. It offers a unique opportunity to transform our current practice and further promote our commitment to inclusion, so that all pupils will have a curriculum based on their individual needs and the best prospects for progression.

*Full details about our proposals can be downloaded from the Council's website:
www.lbhf.gov.uk*

Our vision

We want all pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities, whatever their registered school, to have access to a range of provision and support across the borough that will meet their own personalised educational needs and allow good opportunities for progression. Our aims include:

- Local provision, available in both specialist and mainstream schools
- Staff in both mainstream and special schools responding more effectively to the individual needs of pupils
- Pupils in special schools accessing a wider range of social and educational experiences in secure and supportive environments
- Closer work with Ealing Hammersmith & West London College (EHWLC) to provide a greater range of educational and vocational options for pupils aged 14-25 with Learning Difficulties/Special Educational needs.

Our proposals

Proposals for specific schools are summarised here. The opportunities and challenges presented by these proposals are more detailed in the document available on the Council's website.

Cambridge School

We propose to relocate Cambridge School alongside mainstream secondary schools in the north and south of the borough. The school will retain its own structure, identity and space, and its own governing body. The intention is to develop the provision to allow pupils attending Cambridge to have better access to the mainstream schools. Similarly, pupils attending mainstream schools would have better access to the specialist provision available at Cambridge School. This proposal will also help minimise travel times for Cambridge pupils.

The geographical north/south split would involve Phoenix School in the north and the proposed new Fulham College (working title for Henry Compton/Fulham Cross) in the south. At 16+ pupils would have clear pathways to further education at Fulham or Phoenix schools, or the William Morris Sixth Form or EHWLC.

Woodlane High School

The school will be retained as provision for vulnerable pupils with complex needs. It will continue to provide an outreach service for medical and mental health needs. In addition, our intention is for pupils at the school to gain more inclusive educational and social experiences through partnership with Burlington Danes Academy and by extension of the current collaboration with William Morris Sixth Form and EHWLC.

Jack Tizard Special School

Whilst no organisational changes are proposed for the school (although the Council is currently developing plans to include hydrotherapy provision on the site), we anticipate that the school will have a key role in developing flexible learning and family support models, as well as extending its high quality outreach provision. This will benefit a wide range of pupils across the LA who have marked learning needs. The school will seek to develop specialist status in the future.

Queensmill School

The council has published a statutory notice to extend the age range of the school from 3 to 11 years to 3 to 19 years, starting in September 2009. Clear support for this proposal was expressed in a previous BSF consultation.

We plan to build a new school on the current site of the Bridge Academy in Fulham if the proposal to re-locate Cambridge School is successful.

Bridge Academy

The Bridge Academy provides alternative secondary provision and some specialist provision for pupils with behavioural difficulties. It provides a personalised curriculum, which includes innovative online learning, to all pupils. It already collaborates closely with both mainstream and special settings in responding to pupils who have experienced difficulty in accessing the curriculum in mainstream schools. We plan to develop further some of the best aspects of the Bridge Academy, including the delivery of therapeutic outreach services and support to mainstream schools. We would like to extend the Academy's role to include some post 16 provision. This would be a new departure and will be fully explored through consultation.

Should all the Council's proposals go ahead we would look to relocate the Academy in a brand new building on the present Cambridge School site.

Tell us what you think

Thank you for taking the time to read our proposals. Please let us know your views by completing the response form and returning it in the post to:

BSF Consultation, Childrens' Services, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU

Alternatively, you can respond online by visiting: www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf

Please respond no later than 19th January 2009

You can also find out more, ask questions and tell us what you think at the following meetings:

The Bridge Academy	2 December	@ 3.30 - 5.00pm
Woodlane High School	3 December	@ 3.30 - 5.00pm
Phoenix High School	4 December	@ 5.00 - 6.30pm
Jack Tizard School	5 December	@ 10.00 - 11.30am
Henry Compton School	8 December	@ 5.30 - 7.00pm
Fulham Cross Girls School	11 December	@ 5.00 - 6.30pm
Cambridge School	12 December	@ 4.00 - 5.30pm

Response Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

I am a: (tick all boxes that apply)

Pupil Parent Teacher/Staff Member Governor Other (please specify)

I am associated with: Cambridge School Woodlane High School
Jack Tizard Special School Bridge Academy Queensmill School Local Community Other

(please specify) _____

Do you agree with our overall vision for special schools?

Definitely agree Tend to agree Tend to disagree Definitely disagree

Comments: _____

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Cambridge School alongside mainstream secondary school provision?

Definitely agree Tend to agree Tend to disagree Definitely disagree

Comments: _____

What would you most like to see in the relocated school?

Comments: _____

Do you agree with our ambition to extend the Bridge Academy to post 16 for some pupils?

Definitely agree Tend to agree Tend to disagree Definitely disagree

Comments: _____

Do you have any comments on the proposals relating to Jack Tizard Special School or Woodlane High School?

Comments: _____