

Closure of Halton High School and the Establishment of a New Academy

Consultation on the pre-statutory proposal to close Halton High so that an Academy could be open was undertaken between the 5th November 2009 and 30th November 2009. There were no objections to the proposal. Executive Board agreed that statutory consultation could commence on 10th December.

The consultation on the statutory notice commenced on 10th December 2009 and there was a six weeks representation period..

The following people were consulted as part of the consultation:

- The general public of Halton;
- Parents and pupils of Halton High School;
- Staff and governors of Halton High School;
- All Halton Schools;
- Trade Unions;
- 14-19 Partnership;
- Local Colleges;
- Executive Board;
- Other Neighbouring Authorities;
- Diocesan Authorities;
- Health Authority;
- Children's Trust Board;
- PCT staff;
- Learning and Skills Council;
- Riverside College;
- Members of Parliament; and others.

Questions arising from the meetings were logged and have been placed on the internet.

The presentation used at the governors, staff and public meetings is available on request.

Each of the meetings outlined the objectives of the proposal and the previous consultation arrangements. They provided the opportunity for questions and concerns to be raised.

The response to the consultation is summarised below:

- Nine responses were received to the Statutory Notice – all in favour of the proposals;
- Letters were sent to all parents and governors detailing the date, time and venue of the consultation meeting. In addition, the public meeting was widely advertised through the local press, and posters were displayed at each of the other Runcorn high schools; all Children's Centres, Community Centres, Direct Links and the library, within the Runcorn area;
- Staff, governors and public consultation meetings were held on 12th November 2009 as part of the pre-statutory consultation with a further meeting scheduled for 24th November;
- Staff, governors and public consultation meetings were held on 16th December 2009 and a further governors and public meeting was held on 12th January 2010.

Copies of the notes of each of the meetings is available on request along with copies of each of the feedback forms.

Copies of the letters sent to all those consulted are available, on request along, with a copy of the statutory notice. The consultation information was distributed to all schools, placed at key information points such as Children's Centres, Community Centres, Direct Links and also on the website.