



SCHOOL ORGANISATION CONSULTATION

THE HEATH SPECIALIST TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

As part of the BSF secondary re-organisation process, on 9th April 2009 it was agreed by the Executive Board of the Council that consultation could be undertaken to expand The Heath Specialist Technology College.

It is proposed to increase the number of 11 -16 places offered by The Heath Specialist Technology College from an intake of 210 Year 7 pupils in September 2009 to 240 Year 7 pupils in September 2011 and 270 Year 7 pupils once the rebuild of The Heath has been completed, this is estimated to be from September 2013 onwards.

It is proposed to expand the number of places offered at The Heath Specialist Technology College to:

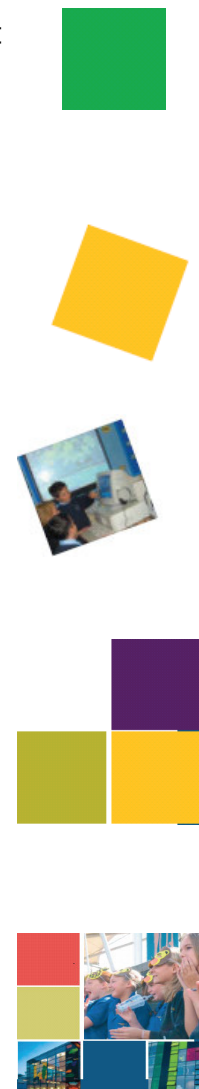
- ensure that there are appropriate places in Runcorn to meet projected future demand;
- improve diversity and choice within the Borough;
- expand a popular and successful secondary school; and
- reduce the number of pupils choosing to access their secondary education in another authority.

It is estimated that there will be a requirement for a total of at least 4074 mainstream places in Runcorn by 2018. In order to meet this requirement it is proposed that the four secondary schools offer the following places:

SCHOOL	SECONDARY PLACES (11- 16 years old)
St Chad's Catholic High	1200 (240 per year)
The Grange Comprehensive	900 (180 per year)
Halton High (proposed Academy)	900 (180 per year)
The Heath Specialist Technology College	1350 (270 per year)
Total	4350 ¹

In order to ensure that a smooth and managed increase in pupil numbers is possible, it is proposed that for 2011 and 2012 it is proposed that the number of places offered by The Heath increase to 240 for Year 7 pupils only.

¹ These numbers have been agreed as part of the BSF programme with the DCSF and Partnership for Schools and are within the audit commission guidelines



From 2013 it is proposed that the numbers of places offered by The Heath Specialist Technology College are increased to 270 for Year 7 pupils only.

Planned Admission Number from September 2009

YEAR	PAN
September 2011	240
September 2012	240
September 2013	270
September 2014	270

Your response to this proposal would be welcome. You may therefore wish to complete the attached feedback form or alternatively put your views in writing to Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children and Young People's Directorate, Halton Borough Council, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2WD.

All responses to the consultation must be received by 6th August 2009. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to Executive Board on 24th September 2009 who will then determine whether a statutory proposal can be developed for formal consultation.