

East Kent New Secondary School

New school competition

Your opportunity to comment on the proposals to establish a new school



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Date of Public Meeting: Tuesday 23 September 2008, 7.00 p.m.

Venue for Public Meeting: Ellington School for Girls

The new school

Kent County Council proposes to amalgamate Ellington School for Girls and The Hereson School by closing both schools and immediately opening a new maintained secondary school with effect from 1 September 2009. Kent County Council published a Notice on 2 May 2008 inviting proposals from organisations interested in establishing the new school.

One proposal was received from potential proposers and will be published by the Local Authority on 17 September 2008. The Public Notice will include the proposed closure of both Ellington School for Girls and The Hereson School. Publication of the Public Notice triggers a six-week representation period.

The proposal

The proposal, received from The Local Learning Trust, c/o Mr Tony Carpenter, Newlands Lane, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6RH, is to establish a new Trust School (a Foundation School with a Foundation). No other proposals were received.

The Local Learning Trust is to be established from the two Governing Bodies of the existing Ellington School for Girls and The Hereson School. The Learning Trust will be a partnership with Thanet College, St Lawrence College and The School of Emotional Literacy. The Governors will work with the partners to deliver an educational service that derives from the rich and successful traditions of the two constituent schools, yet reaches out beyond that to embrace the demands of the future needs of the community it serves.

The Trust's vision for the proposed ethos of the new school is of a compact and intimate school which promotes the excellence of every individual. The school will include rather than exclude. The school will be a place where all faiths will be respected and valued. The school will provide a rich and varied educational environment in which every student will be significant, cared for and nurtured. The aims of the school will be twofold:

- To develop a learning culture within the school with an emphasis on high expectations and achievement for all.
- To develop the school to serve and be part of the local community.

The Trust will ensure that the school is run by the community for the community.

Admissions to the new school

The Learning Trust intends to open a new school (to be called “The Ellington and Hereson School”) in September 2009, situated predominantly on the current Ellington site, though utilising the Hereson School site over a one-year transitional period. The new school will cater for both boys and girls in the 11-16 age range. The school will cater for all students of both schools and will initially have on roll something over 800 students. The number of students to be admitted to the new school at age 11 on the opening date and subsequent years will be 120, so determining an eventual school size of 600 students.

Although the school will admit both boys and girls, the Trust has the clear view that the new school should maximise the opportunities for single sex teaching. At Key Stage 3 almost all teaching will be delivered to single sex groups whilst at Key Stage 4 there will be some single sex and some mixed teaching according to best advice and the need to maximise opportunity.

The school will be a non-selective school and students will be accepted irrespective of faith. The admissions policy will mirror the admissions requirements for community schools in Thanet.

Specialisms

Ellington School for Girls is a specialist school in humanities (granted in September 2007). This specialism will transfer to the new amalgamated school. The Trust intends in due course to apply for an additional specialism in a vocational area after the establishment of the new school in September 2009. The new school will also seek to lead in provision for engineering and a range of additional educational needs.

Extended services

The Trust expects the school to offer a range of additional activities and services to students.

Public meeting

The Local Authority is required to hold at least one public meeting during the representation period to provide members of the community the opportunity to hear more about the proposal and ask questions.

A public meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 23 September, 7 p.m.** and will be held at Ellington School for Girls, Newlands Lane, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6RH.

After the representation period

At the end of the representation period (29 October 2008) the Local Authority will collate all of the comments or objections received on the proposal and will forward them to the decision maker. As the Local Authority has not published its own proposal, and does not have an interest in the proposal received from the Learning Trust, it will decide the competition. In deciding the competition it will take account of the comments made during the representation period and the guidance published by the Secretary of State.

Providing comments

Kent County Council wants to know your views about the proposal it has received for the new school. You can provide your comments in the following ways:

1. You can attend the public meeting at Ellington School for Girls, Newlands Lane, Ramsgate on 23 September 2008 at 7 p.m. The proposer will be present to answer questions.

2. You can send written comments using the attached form to:

Martyn Doole,
Area Children's Services Officer
East Kent Education Office
Clover House,
John Wilson Business Park
Thanet Way,
Whitstable,
Kent CT5 3QZ.

3. You can email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

You can also obtain a full copy of the proposal from the above address or on the Kent County Council website at: <http://kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/about-education-service/consultations/soab-east-kent.htm>

The closing date for responses is **5 p.m. Wednesday 29 October 2008.**

A New Maintained Secondary School to replace Ellington (Community) School for Girls and The Hereson (Community) School (Boys) from 1 September 2009

Response form

The Local Learning Trust

Comments

Are you?

A pupil <input type="checkbox"/> Please name your school	A member of staff at a school <input type="checkbox"/> Please name your school	A governor <input type="checkbox"/> Please name your school
A parent <input type="checkbox"/> Please name the school your children attend	A local community representative <input type="checkbox"/> Please name the community you represent	Local resident <input type="checkbox"/>

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