



Northampton School Section 10 Consultation Information Document



Welcome

As a Trust, we are very pleased that our proposed Secondary School, Northampton School, has reached the pre-opening phase. As part of the process of opening a Free School, we are required to undertake a public consultation under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010 as to the suitability of The Northampton School for Boys Academy Trust as designated sponsors to run the new school.

Northampton School will be a co-educational 11-16 school located on a site on the outskirts of Northampton adjacent to Ashley Lane. Planning Permission for the new school has now been approved. The school will have specialisms in Sport and the Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music). The intended opening date is September 2023 for 210 Year 7 students only, growing to a target roll of 1200 students (full capacity) by September 2027. The reduced PAN for 2022 is because the school is set to initially open in temporary accommodation on a site to be confirmed (likely to be on the grounds of The NSB School site or on the Free School site) before students move permanently into the new school buildings, which are set to complete during the 2023-24 academic year.

When The NSB Academy Trust first consulted on the viability of a Free School in 2018, we were delighted with the overwhelming weight of parental and general community support for another NSB Academy Trust Secondary School to be located in the Northampton area. Parents and carers were clear that they were strongly in favour of a greater number of boys and girls within Northampton having the opportunity to receive a schooling which would replicate the same provision as Northampton School for Boys - a hugely oversubscribed school which has a track record of outstanding academic and extracurricular success.

The trustees are determined to deliver the best possible school for the children of Northampton and we look forward to listening to your views from the consultation in order to help shape our planning for its opening.

Richard Bernard

Headteacher Northampton School for Boys and
Executive Head Designate - The NSB Academy Trust

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Key Personnel

[Richard Bernard - Headteacher - Northampton School for Boys and Executive Head Designate - The NSB Academy Trust](#)

With a 28-year career in education, Richard has worked on the Senior Leadership Team of four different secondary schools, inclusive of being Headteacher at NSB for the last 8 years. During his time at NSB, Richard has overseen two outstanding Ofsted inspections in all areas for the main school and separately for the Teacher Training SCITT. Richard has extensive experience as an Ofsted Inspector and as a National Leader in Education (NLE).



[Matthew Edwards - Headteacher Designate – Northampton School](#)

Matthew is a very experienced Senior Leader who has been Senior Deputy Headteacher at NSB since 2016. Matthew is deeply steeped in the NSB ethos and is extremely excited by the opportunity to provide and shape the very best opportunities for students at Northampton School.



[Katy-Jane Wilkins - Assistant Headteacher Designate – Northampton School](#)

Katy-Jane has many years of experience in working in co-educational schools as both a teacher and a Senior Leader. More recently, Katy-Jane has been a Senior Manager of the outstanding teacher training SCITT at NSB. Katy-Jane is an inspiring leader who has an exceptional record of supporting students of all ages to reach their potential.



[Peter Bason MBE - Chair of Governors NSB and Chair of Trustees Designate - The NSB Academy Trust](#)

Peter has been Chair of Governors at NSB since 2014 and his outstanding strategic leadership of the Governing Body has been instrumental to NSB School's success. Peter was awarded an MBE in 2022 for Services to Education and to Sport in Northampton.



[Morcea Walker MBE - NSB Governor and Trustee Designate - The NSB Academy Trust](#)

Morcea is a fiercely passionate supporter of NSB and its ethos and has played a central part in the school's work to promote inclusion and diversity. Morcea has been integral to our drive for the highest levels of school community cohesion, an area in which she also excels in developing across the county as Vice Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.



[Carly Wilford - Governor Designate – Local Academy Board – Northampton School](#)

Carly is a well-known music producer, DJ, broadcaster and presenter who is looking forward to the opportunity to use her skills and experience to support the next generation of children at Northampton School where the Performing Arts is a specialism. Carly states that *'with so many people moving out of London, we have a unique opportunity to decentralise the way that creativity is grown and educated; it feels like such an exciting opportunity to build structures within the county to support home grown talent.'*



[Alan Hakes - Current Vice-Chair of NSB Governors and Chair of Governors Designate – Local Academy Board – Northampton School](#)

Alan has contributed hugely to the successful leadership of NSB over several decades through his Vice Chair role on the Governing Body. Alan has been an active member of the Working Party group for Northampton School, utilising his skills and background in the construction industry to great effect. Alan believes passionately in the NSB ethos after his children went successfully through NSB School and he is delighted that a wider range of young people from across Northampton and the surrounding area will have the opportunity to benefit from an additional NSB Academy Trust School.



Why the NSB Academy Trust?

The founding school of The NSB Academy Trust, Northampton School for Boys (NSB), has an exceptional track record of academic and extracurricular success. Northampton School will emulate the ethos, curriculum, extra curriculum and policies of NSB School and the trustees expect Northampton School to achieve similarly exceptional levels of achievement.

The NSB Academy Trust also has an exceptional record of professional development for teachers. In addition to running an outstanding school-centred initial teacher training for trainee teachers, it is also a strategic and delivery partner of the Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub - training hundreds of teachers in the county every year including Early Career Teachers and those studying for the new suite of National Professional Qualifications. The Trust will use NSB School's expertise in developing the highest quality of teaching & learning to support outstanding teaching at Northampton School - building on the 'best bets' of evidence-informed practice to support student progress.

Further information about NSB School and its policies can be found on the NSB School website: Northampton School for Boys. The policies for Northampton School which are being created in preparation for September 2023 will largely mirror those of NSB School.



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Why the NSB Academy Trust?

Recent successes at Northampton School for Boys include:

- Public examination GCSE results that have been in the top 5% of all schools in the country for boys' progress and attainment in each of the last three GCSE public exam years;
- A GCSE Progress 8 score of +0.68 in 2022 against a national average of -0.21 for boys;
- A GCSE Progress 8 score of +0.42 for disadvantaged students;
- GCSE attainment performance measures consistently well above the national average - in 2022, 76% of the cohort achieved a Grade 5+ in both English & Maths against a national average of 50% and an average GCSE Grade score per GCSE entry of 6.16 against a national average of 4.87;
- Exceptional A Level results in 2022 – over 700 A Level entries with an average grade of B+ (43.6 points) and 51% of all entries graded A or A*;
- Top ranked school in Northamptonshire in a table released by the Daily Telegraph in 2022 for successful applications to Oxbridge over the past 5 years – 6 in 2022 with 13 further students gaining a place to study medicine at leading institutions;
- Ranked either the first or second state school in England for competitive sport for each of the seven years prior to COVID;
- In 2022 – U12 National Champions Football, U15 National Champions Water Polo, National Champions British Indoor Rowing (various age groups), U14 National Runners Up Rugby, National finalists in Cross Country, Athletics, Basketball and Water Polo, County Champions Cricket (various age groups) and County Plate Champions Netball. An incredible 21 students have represented their country over the past two years in various sports;
- Termly music, dance and drama concerts / productions held in the Cripps Theatre;
- National Concert Band Platinum Award winners - over 20 students have secured places at prestigious music schools and colleges since 2020 and we have annual representation at the National Music for Youth finals;
- Nationally recognised success in Art, Dance and Drama including several recent selections for the National U.Dance Finals as the East Midlands representatives. The Exam Board AQA use NSB School as an exemplar resource for supporting Boys' Dance provision nationally. Many students have progressed to elite Art, Dance and Drama schools from NSB School.

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Our Vision:

Provide a broad educational experience that enables every child to achieve their maximum potential both academically and personally and which prepares them for a successful adult life.

Our Culture & Ethos:

We believe:

- that there is a distinct approach to learning that benefits young boys and girls;
- that competition is a valuable lever to drive up standards;
- that hard work is crucial to success;
- that leadership skills exist in everyone and need nurturing;
- that self-confidence is key to improving self-esteem;
- that everyone is deserving of respect, free from all forms of bullying;
- that everyone is entitled to a safe and secure learning environment;
- that every student is entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages their independence and maximises their opportunities beyond school;
- that engaging young people in our extra curriculum - a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom - develops 'the whole person', fosters good relations between staff and students, forges teamwork, and provides a sense of pride, enjoyment and fulfilment.



Our Values:

We promote:

- the highest expectations of all stakeholders in our school community;
- the highest standards of behaviour;
- a smart appearance as an important component of self-respect and pride in the school;
- hard work and commitment in the classroom and beyond;
- celebration of success at all levels;
- high levels of engagement with the school community and with what we provide;
- a spirit of adventure with respect for health, safety and wellbeing;
- openness, transparency, honesty and integrity – trust in each other;
- humility and dignity – in both victory and defeat;
- perseverance in the face of adversity;
- respect, tolerance, kindness and understanding towards all others.



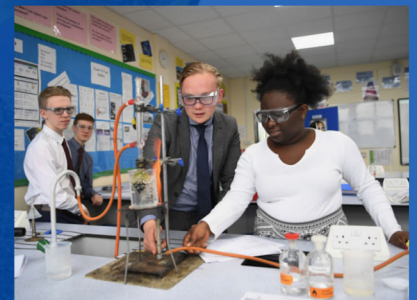
Our Curriculum Vision:

At our NSB Academy Trust Schools, we deliver a knowledge-rich curriculum that is rigorously academic and aspirational for all, regardless of background or need; we value the ambition of the English Baccalaureate and believe that all students should have access to the 'best that has been thought and said' and are inspired by powerful knowledge of their subjects and the wider world. We are exceptionally proud of how our curriculum offers significant breadth and balance through the extensive extracurricular programme, allowing students to contribute to our rich heritage of sporting, artistic and academic excellence – a heritage that is at the heart of the Trust's DNA.

Our Culture & Ethos:

As part of our commitment to delivering on our Trust vision, we will:

- deliver an unapologetically academic curriculum: regardless of ability, all students in each NSB Trust school will study a rigorous and challenging curriculum which at Secondary School level is centred around the EBacc entitlement at GCSE (English, Maths, Science, History or Geography, MFL);
- deliver the following curriculum breadth to all Key Stage 3 students: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, RE, French or Spanish or German, DT, Food Technology, Music, Dance, Drama, PE, Art, PSHE/RSHE, Computer Science and bespoke lessons in Oracy;
- offer the following curriculum breadth to all GCSE subjects: English, Maths, Further Maths, Science, History, Geography, French, Spanish, German, DT, Computer Science, Food Technology, Music, Dance, Drama, PE, Art, Photography, Citizenship, Statistics and RE;
- ensure that all students in Key Stage 4 access an inspiring and extensive non-examined PSHE and core PE curriculum;
- enable all students to be taught in sets according to ability for all subjects;
- enable all students with SEND to be fully integrated into classes – individual student needs will be met via quality-first teaching strategies linked to the Northamptonshire SEND ranges and through bespoke support from expert staff overseen by a suitably qualified SENDCo;
- provide sufficient breadth and challenge to secure high levels of academic attainment and progress for all students;
- enable all students identified as academically gifted and talented to have a wider programme of academic support and super curricular activities to inspire and challenge our most able students to maximise and exceed their potential;
- offer our students the opportunity to develop a range of skills that both complement and go beyond the curriculum;
- promote and build a spirit of intellectual curiosity and an appreciation from students of their place in the world;
- promote the British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty.



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Excellence in everything!

Our Personal Development Programme:

All students in NSB Academy Trust Schools will enjoy a rich and broad programme of Personal Development outside of the academic curriculum. This will primarily be delivered through our nationally renowned extracurricular provision but also through daily Form Tutor sessions dedicated to tailored Personal Development activities for each year group.

Our Extracurricular Programme:

We believe that the extra curriculum has a vital part to play in the holistic development of 'the whole person'. As such the NSB Academy Trust will intend to provide a host of opportunities beyond the curriculum, such as:

- a huge range of interschool sports fixtures and national competitions;
- regional and national art, music and dance competitions;
- an extensive programme of intraschool House activities to promote healthy competition;
- a prodigious level of peripatetic music tuition and broad range of music groups and ensembles;
- professional facilities for the high-quality curriculum provision of Art, Music, Drama and Dance;
- frequent music concerts, drama productions, dance shows and 'artists in-residence';
- music and sporting international tours;
- trips and visits that extend and enrich the curriculum experience e.g., theatre visits, fieldwork;
- national and international residential experiences;
- gifted and talented opportunities alongside additional support programmes;
- outward-bound activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme;
- a bespoke Personal Development Week, including a range of opportunities for careers information and guidance;
- clubs and societies catering for all interests.



Nil satis nisi optimum
A tradition of excellence

Why does Northampton need a new Secondary School?

Forecasts for the demand for secondary places within Northampton by September 2023 indicate a shortfall of a minimum of 170 Year 7 places which may rise significantly further when new building and net inward migration is taken into account. There is significant new housing around the designated site and the school has incorporated the new housing around the school as a catchment area in the Admissions Policy.

Northampton School will not only address the over-demand for school places but will also be offering the highest standards of educational provision - replicating the outstanding provision of The NSB Academy Trust founding school, Northampton School for Boys, for the young people in the area.

Admissions Process

The Admissions Policy for Northampton School, detailing how parents can apply, how places will be allocated in the event of oversubscription and how people can appeal against any decisions, can be found via the Admissions page of the NSB School website. The Northampton School Admissions Policy is under a separate consultation process.

We will be holding Information Evenings for all parents/carers interested in applying for a place at Northampton School on Monday, December 12th and Wednesday December 14th at NSB School. Further details of these evenings and how to book a place will be published on the Admissions page of the NSB School website.

Consultation Process

We would like to hear from all the community over the consultation period to help inform the Secretary of State for Education's decision on whether to enter into a Funding Agreement with The NSB Academy Trust. We want to listen to your comments and act on any relevant feedback to ensure our School offers the best possible education provision. You can give us feedback in a number of ways:

Visit the [Northampton School for Boys](#) website and complete the online Section 10 consultation form for Northampton School or return a paper copy by post to Northampton School Free School Consultation, NSB, Billing Road, Northampton, NN1 5RT.

Attend our public Information Evenings on Monday 12th December or Wednesday 14th December at NSB School. Further details of these evenings and how to book a place will be published on the Admissions pages of the NSB school website.

We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation window which runs between Tuesday 15th November 2022 and Tuesday 10th January 2023 and will share an overall finding with the Department for Education and all interested parties via the Admissions page on the NSB School website.

