

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Free School application – Hillingdon High School**

We are writing to inform Hillingdon parents/guardians of children in Years 3 and 4 in the north of the borough about a free school application for a new secondary school in the north of Hillingdon.

As parents/guardians may be aware from local and national media and/or the Hillingdon primary school expansion programme, there is a significant increase in school aged students. Table 1 reflects the additional number of students, and therefore forms of entry (based on 30 per form), required in Hillingdon over the next five years. These figures show that there needs to be at least one additional secondary school in the north of the borough as well as some expansion in current schools.

**Table 1: Supply and demand of school places forecast by London Borough of Hillingdon Council for the north of the borough (as provided 27.01.16)**

	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20
<b>Demand South</b>	1772	1858	1931	2119	2179
<b>Places South</b>	2049	2049	2049	2049	2049
<b>Shortfall</b>				70	130
<b>Additional forms needed in the South</b>	0	0	0	3	5
<b>Demand North</b>	1682	1764	1833	2011	2066
<b>Places North</b>	1662	1662	1662	1662	1662
<b>Shortfall</b>	20	102	171	349	404
<b>Additional forms needed in the North</b>	1	4	6	12	14

The main route for establishing a new school is to apply to the Department for Education (DfE) to establish a new ‘free school’ (which is legally an academy school).

As part of their commitment to the local community and to ensure that there are enough local secondary school places, five high performing and popular local secondary schools (Haydon, Northwood, Ruislip High, Queensmead and Vyners) have submitted an application to create a new school, which has provisionally been named Hillingdon High School.

Hillingdon High School would benefit from the local knowledge and expertise in the five schools to establish another outstanding, non-selective, inclusive school for the whole of the local community.

This will not affect any parents' right to apply to current secondary schools; it is about ensuring there is enough provision to meet the demand for places.

This approach, whereby successful local schools collaborate to establish a new school where there is demographic demand, has been used by high schools in Harrow to create Pinner High School, and also by schools in Slough and Harpenden.

If the bid is successful, some key next steps will be as follows:

1. To secure a suitable site
2. To recruit local community governors
3. To recruit an outstanding headteacher designate.

We aim for Hillingdon High School to open in September 2018. The opening date will be dependent upon finding a suitable site.

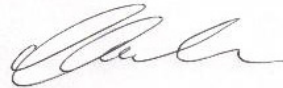
As part of the application process, and to provide prospective parents and/or current families of the five schools with more details, there is an information evening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Winston Churchill Hall from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

In the meantime, if parents would like more information, please do not hesitate to send an email to [office@hillingdonhighschool.org](mailto:office@hillingdonhighschool.org)

Yours sincerely



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