

New secondary school update

7th May 2014

The Governing Body of Greenshaw has agreed to put the Greenshaw Trust forward to sponsor a new secondary school in Sutton that is required to meet the demand for school places, and to reconstitute itself as a Multi-Academy Trust.

Sutton Council predicts that around 20 additional forms of entry will be required in local secondary schools by 2017 - meaning both the expansion of existing schools and the establishment of a new secondary school, which, under government rules, would have to be a sponsored academy or free school. All Sutton secondary schools have joined together to state that their preferred option would be for the new school to be developed within the Partnership of Sutton Secondary Schools and sponsored by Greenshaw.

The Council needs to secure sufficient funding and an appropriate site for the new school. It is our understanding that the Council has identified the Sutton Hospital site as its preferred location for the new school, but negotiations to secure the site are ongoing. In accordance with DfE rules, the Council will then seek proposals from qualified sponsors to establish the new school, and at that point Greenshaw will submit its proposals.

The new secondary school would be built and opened in September 2017 as a separate academy school under the umbrella of the Greenshaw Trust, funded in its own right separate from Greenshaw High School's budget.

Greenshaw is a successful and popular local school with a good record of educational achievement and improvement – in our own school and in supporting others. It has well-established and efficient support services; the skills and experience of helping other schools, primary and secondary, locally and nationally; and the capacity to develop this work further and achieve greater efficiencies and effectiveness. Greenshaw has been approved by the Department for Education to be a sponsor of both secondary and primary schools.

As a Multi-Academy Trust Greenshaw could bring other schools under the Greenshaw umbrella, so that it would be better able to realise this potential, benefitting those schools and their students, and also improving further the outcomes for Greenshaw's pupils. This will involve some changes in the governance and leadership of the Trust but will not affect the day-to-day running of Greenshaw.

(The Greenshaw Trust is a charitable trust that is responsible for managing Greenshaw High School. It was established by the Governing Body of Greenshaw High School in 2011 when Greenshaw became an academy.)

Greenshaw Trust is potential sponsor for new secondary school

14th March 2014

The Governing Body of Greenshaw has agreed to put the Greenshaw Trust forward as potential sponsor for the new secondary school that will need to be built in Sutton to meet the demand for school places.

Mike Cooper, Chair of Governors said: ‘Sutton needs a new secondary school and work needs to start quickly to ensure it is built on time. Greenshaw’s governors have carefully considered the issues and the options around the establishment of a new secondary school, and we believe we are best placed to ensure the new school is successful and we want to impart much of what is good about Greenshaw into the new school. We have taken care to satisfy ourselves that our involvement in the new school would not be detrimental to Greenshaw - we believe it would benefit Greenshaw.’

Greenshaw has been approved by the Department for Education to be a sponsor of both secondary and primary schools – that means that the Trust has the skills and the capacity needed to support other schools that need help and to set up new schools.

Sutton Council predicts that 20 additional forms of entry will be required by 2017, and that this will require both the expansion of existing schools and a new secondary school. Under government rules, any new school would have to be a sponsored academy or free school. All Sutton secondary schools have joined together to state that their preferred option would be for the new school to be developed within the Partnership and sponsored by Greenshaw.

As a school sponsored by Greenshaw, the new school would be a non-selective, mixed school for local children; it would be separate from Greenshaw High School, but under the ‘umbrella’ of the Greenshaw Trust.

To be able to take on the establishment of the new school, the Greenshaw Trust is reconstituting itself as a Multi Academy Trust. A Multi Academy Trust is a charitable company, established for the purpose of managing academy schools, with a single Board of Directors for the whole Trust, and separate local governing bodies for each academy within the Trust – ie Greenshaw and any other schools that join or that the Trust sets up.

New secondary school for Sutton

27th January 2014

Forecasts show that Sutton will need a significant increase in secondary school places over the coming years – including the building of a new secondary school.

All the secondary schools in the Borough, that make up the Partnership of Sutton Secondary Schools, have been working together with the local council to find the best way of providing the additional places needed.

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Under government rules, any new secondary school would have to be a sponsored academy or free school - Greenshaw is currently the only school in Sutton that has approved sponsor status with the DfE.

All Sutton secondary schools have joined together to state that their preferred option would be for the new school to be developed within the Partnership and sponsored by Greenshaw.

As a school sponsored by Greenshaw, the new school would be a non-selective, mixed school for local children; it would be separate from, but under the 'umbrella' of, Greenshaw.

Greenshaw governors and senior staff are carefully considering options and proposals that would ensure the successful establishment of the new school at the same time as continuing to maintain and improve standards at Greenshaw.