

Inspiring schools

We want you to have your say on our proposals for the transformation of secondary school education in Salford. This booklet has been produced to provide you with the background that we think you will need to help form your views.

When you are ready to make comments please see the last section **Your views** and complete the questionnaire.

This consultation is relevant to everyone living in Salford, even if you are not a parent, a pupil or working for a school, as you will be affected by our proposals which extend the role of schools in your community.



The vision

Our vision is to improve educational standards and help all pupils to achieve their potential. We want to create schools that are a source of pride and also provide practical resources for local people of all ages and backgrounds in the community. To support our vision we want to create buildings for the 21st century and to provide choice and a greater range of services at each secondary school.

Backing up our vision is an investment of up to £110 million from the government's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. To spend this money wisely we have to prioritise the schools that need the most investment.

The BSF programme is the biggest single government investment in improving school

buildings for over 50 years. Salford is in phase 3 of a 15 phase programme which covers all local authorities.

Bringing together schools, the council, the community, parents, pupils, governors and anyone with an interest in education is crucial to achieving our vision. We want to hear as many different views as possible, as this programme has the potential to affect the life of every citizen in Salford.

In the future we want schools to be about more than the classroom - our vision sees schools as the heart of their community, offering facilities everyone can benefit from that are available outside existing school hours. Making better use of school facilities makes better and more effective use of investment.

The vision continued...

This vision covers all of Salford's secondary education. Major investment has already taken place in eight of our secondary schools, which are being or have already been redeveloped: Salford City Academy, The Albion, Oakwood, Chatsworth, New Park, Buile Hill, Harrop Fold and Beis Yaakov High Schools.

A further nine schools are currently part of our proposals for future investment under the £110 million BSF programme. These are St Ambrose Barlow RC, St George's RC, Walkden High, Moorside High, The Swinton High, St Patrick's RC, All Hallows RC, Wentworth High and Irlam and Cadishead Community High School. Additionally, it is proposed that Hope High will become an academy. This will be part of a more detailed consultation during the coming months.



What we mean by a 21st century school

We believe a 21st century school must have high standards of achievement, with each child fulfilling their own potential, motivated by inspiring buildings that are well designed and built to be suitable for at least the next 30 years. This means taking into account the use of technology in the future, the demand for a more diverse curriculum, opening up facilities to the community and meeting the special educational needs of pupils. Designs need to be flexible and adaptable for future changes and provide value for money.

We want to know what you think we need to do to make our schools fit for learning in the 21st century.

The current situation

Salford has a diverse secondary school provision, covering the 11-16 year age range.

- Salford has one existing academy. An academy is a publicly funded, independent school established by sponsors working in partnership with the local council.
- We have four Roman Catholic schools.
- The city has one new school for girls of the Orthodox Jewish faith, Beis Yaakov.
- The Albion, a new school, already provides extended community facilities for local residents.
- Wentworth High School is accessible for students with physical disabilities and is located on the same campus as two of our

special schools, Oakwood and Chatsworth.

- There are three new special schools catering for pupils with a range of special educational needs. In addition, we maintain the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital School (which is due to close when the hospital moves to Manchester in 2009/10).
- We have three pupil referral units for secondary age pupils who, because of illness, exclusion or other circumstances are unable to attend other schools.





The proposals

Our key priorities are:

- radically improving pupils' learning and attainment;
- developing schools' specialisms;
- creating schools that provide services for the local community both inside and outside of school hours;
- ensuring the curriculum needs of each individual pupil are met, including more opportunities for vocational learning;
- improving opportunities for sport and leisure;
- transforming learning and teaching through technology;
- promoting greater inclusion of the most vulnerable students.

Number of pupils

Currently we have 12,397 pupils at our secondary schools. As our starting point we estimate that we will need school places for 11,656 pupils of secondary school age in 2016. Our plans will provide enough places with some room for growth.

The proposed size of schools in the future will depend on the nature of the community they serve and the size of the site available.

Specialisms

By 2015 all schools in Salford will have a specialism e.g. performing arts, engineering, languages and humanities. There will be more opportunities for pupils to access the specialism of their choice via services provided by other schools.

Special educational needs

Through BSF investment we will design improvements to schools so that more pupils can attend mainstream schools where this

is appropriate. We will also aim to reduce the number of students attending pupil referral units.

Involving pupils and the community in design

We will involve community representatives in the design and planning of school buildings and, in particular, the services that will be provided. Community committees will play a vital role in ensuring that the needs of the community are reflected and existing pupils' views will be sought, through school councils.

Running and maintaining the schools

We have not yet confirmed how the building, ongoing maintenance and delivery of services at the schools will be carried out. The government's recommended approach uses public and private sector skills to develop long term arrangements.

School

Walkden High
Moorside High
The Swinton High
Wentworth High
Irlam and Cadishead High
All Hallows RC High
St George's RC High
St Ambrose Barlow RC High
St Patrick's RC High
Buile Hill High
Harrop Fold High
Beis Yaakov High
Salford City Academy
The Albion
Hope High
Oakwood High
Chatsworth High
New Park

Schools that are a priority for reorganisation or relocation

Although detailed work is still being undertaken, pupil number projections indicate that significant reorganisation is a priority for the following:

Swinton

In Swinton, both The Swinton and Moorside High Schools are located in poor, unsuitable buildings on very restricted sites, which would make the development of new or refurbished facilities difficult. We are proposing to close and replace them with one new school of 1,500 pupils, which would provide an outstanding opportunity for a state of the art building and facilities for the Swinton area.

Walkden

We propose to rebuild Walkden High School and increase its capacity to accommodate 1500 pupils.

Roman Catholic schools

Our proposals include significant investment and reorganisation of the four Roman Catholic voluntary aided schools which are the

responsibility of the Diocesan Board. We want to work with the Roman Catholic Diocese to ensure that the schools are upgraded in such a way that they maintain the current high standards.

The pupil numbers at the four Roman Catholic schools are between 503 and 911 pupils. St George's and All Hallows are on cramped sites, making it very difficult to extend them and they have a relatively high backlog of maintenance. Our proposal would substantially refurbish St Patrick's RC and St Ambrose Barlow RC High Schools and replace All Hallows with a brand new school closer to the inner city. St George's RC would be closed. This would ensure that there would continue to be a place at a Roman Catholic secondary school in the city for all Catholics who want one.

Claremont

Buile Hill, Hope High School and All Hallows are very close to each other. We propose to move Hope High School to the Salford Quays area as an academy.

No. on roll Jan-06	Type of school 2006	Boys Girls Co-ed	investment proposals	Proposed size 2016	Part of BSF Investment programme
1205	Community	Co-ed	Rebuild	1500	YES
1153	Community	Co-ed	Close and replace with a 1500 place school	1500	YES
982	Community	Co-ed			YES
887	Community	Co-ed	Refurbish	900	YES
959	Community	Co-ed	Refurbish	900	YES
503	Voluntary aided	Co-ed	Close St George's RC school. Rebuild All Hallows on another site. Refurbish and increase capacity at St Ambrose to 900. Refurbish St Patrick's.	2700 overall	YES
581	Voluntary aided	Co-ed			YES
734	Voluntary aided	Co-ed			YES
911	Voluntary aided	Co-ed			YES
944	Community	Co-ed	Already scheduled to be rebuilt under Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	900	NO
1054	Community	Co-ed	Already scheduled to be rebuilt under Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	1200	NO
187	Voluntary aided	Girls	No change - recently built	275	NO
579	Academy	Co-ed	No change - recently built	750	NO
907	Community	Co-ed	No change - recently built	900	NO
811	Community	Co-ed	To become an academy with new building	900	NO
173	Special school	Co-ed	No change - recently built	175	NO
87	Special school	Co-ed	No change - recently built	90	NO
54	Special school	Co-ed	No change - recently built	80	NO

Vision for ICT

Increasingly information and communication technology (ICT) is becoming central to most of our lives and will be vital to education in the future. We want to link school buildings with teaching and learning, providing:

- a significant increase in ICT, with access to a wide range of high quality learning material, using devices such as wireless laptops, handheld devices or smartphones;
- buildings which maximise the use of ICT in lessons, through internet services and learning software, in any classroom, library or rest area;
- opportunities to improve skills in the use of ICT in teaching and learning, ensuring that all teachers understand how to use ICT equipment and software. We want students,



parents and carers to be able to use personalised learning material and look at information about student achievements and progress;

- services which guarantee access, availability and reliability, both in school and at home.



Community facilities

The services that could share school facilities and grounds might include:

- early years services
- adult learning services
- breakfast and after school clubs
- school holiday activities
- council services, such as libraries
- community sports facilities
- halls for clubs and meetings
- young people's health services
- youth services
- performing arts

We want to know what services you think should be available on school sites.

The timescales

The investment programme is long term and building work will not start until 2009 at the earliest. This provides time to ensure that we consult with local residents and parents of future secondary school pupils on the best way to make these changes.



Primary schools

The government is currently bringing together a programme to rebuild or refurbish primary schools. We will be consulting on how this will affect schools in Salford in the future.

Your views

We want to hear your views now - the deadline is 25th October 2006. We are preparing a business case for the government and want to know what you think of our vision and the proposals, other issues you think we should take into account and what you think we have missed.

If you want more information or would prefer to provide your views in person please come to one of our roadshow sessions and complete the questionnaire. If English is not your main language or you need a translator or interpreter to help you for any reason, please let us know in advance and we will make one available (Tel: 793 2691).

If you think you can provide your views now, please complete the survey form provided with this booklet or respond on-line at www.salford.gov.uk/bsf

If you need a copy of the questionnaire please call 793 2691.

Roadshow sessions will be held at the following venues between 4pm and 8pm and you can drop-in when it is convenient to you:

Monday 2 October, Committee rooms 1 & 2, Salford Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton

Wednesday 4 October, Ordsall Neighbourhood Office, Robert Hall Street (4pm - 6pm only)

Thursday 5 October, Salford College, Worsley Campus, Walkden Road, Walkden

Friday 6 October, Salford Link Project, Bright Road, Eccles

Monday 9 October, Buile Hill Park Hall, Eccles Old Road, Salford



If after this consultation any significant changes are proposed for any individual school, such as opening or closing a school, there will be a further consultation process. This is a legal requirement and the current consultation will not replace all the normal processes associated with major changes to schools.

This is your opportunity to tell us what you think of our citywide proposals before we start to look at detailed plans.

This document can be provided in large print, audio, electronic and Braille formats. Please contact The Equalities Team at Salford City Council, telephone number 0161 793 3536.

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