

Merging Bedford High School for Girls and Dame Alice Harpur School

Options for transfer of Senior School girls

Options for consultation

- A** - Full merger by 2011
- B** - Full merger by 2012
 - with current Years 6, 7, 8 & 10 moving in 2011, and current Year 9 moving in 2012
- C** - Full merger by 2012
 - with current Years 8 & 10 moving in 2011 and current Years 6, 7 & 9 moving in 2012

Next steps following Parents' Briefing on 7 Jan

- Consultation from 7 Jan to 17 Jan
- Parents will receive a Comments Form via email questionnaire on 8 Jan which will allow you to state your preferred transfer option
- Comments Form to be responded to by 17 Jan
- Year group meetings next week
- Comments reviewed at Project Steering Group on 20 Jan
- Recommendation made to Harpur Trust Governing Body on 28 Jan
- Confirmation of transfer plan by 4 Feb

Information sources

- Copies of the presentation made on 7 Jan will be posted on the Charity and School websites on 8 Jan (www.bedfordcharity.org.uk, www.daahs.co.uk and www.bedfordhigh.co.uk). This summary document will be emailed to parents and staff on 8 Jan.
- All enquiries to be emailed to bgsinfo@harpur-trust.org.uk
- Or calls to Suzanne Sharp, Communication Manager 01234 369500

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Transfer Option A – Full merger by 2011

Sept 2009	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	Sept 2012
Y6 BHSG Y6 DAHS	Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BGS	Y9 BGS
Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BGS	Y10 BGS
Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BGS	Y11 BGS
Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BGS	Y12 BGS
Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BGS	Y13 BGS
Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BGS	
Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS		
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■ Advantages :

- All girls & staff move across together
- All girls follow the new curriculum from 2011, except girls mid-way through GCSEs & AL/IB
- Shortens period of uncertainty and disruption

■ Disadvantages :

- Mid course move for those going through GCSEs & AL/IB
- Significant temporary accommodation would be required
- New Building Project unlikely to be completed until 2012
- Temporary accommodation would reduce parking, sports pitches and play areas

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Transfer Option B – Full merger by 2012 with current Years 6,7,8 & 10 moving in 2011, and current Year 9 moving in 2012

Sept 2009	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	Sept 2012
Y6 BHSG Y6 DAHS	Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BGS	Y9 BGS
Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BGS	Y10 BGS
Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BGS	Y11 BGS
Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BGS
Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BGS	Y13 BGS
Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS	
Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS		
Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS			

■ Advantages :

- Allows exam years to complete their courses on the same site, as promised
- Allows more time for new accommodation to be completed
- Reduces the need for temporary classrooms at the Cardington Road site
- This could be a “special experience” for the girls who stay on the Bromham Road site

■ Disadvantages :

- Split site will be challenging, but can be managed with care
- Approx. 150 – 160 girls on the Bromham Road site in 2011
- Risk of girls not being fully involved in all aspects of school life

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Transfer Option C – Full merger by 2012 with current Years 8 & 10 moving in 2011 and current Years 6,7 & 9 moving in 2012

Sept 2009	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	Sept 2012
Y6 BHSG Y6 DAHS	Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BGS
Y7 BHSG Y7 DAHS	Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BGS
Y8 BHSG Y8 DAHS	Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BGS	Y11 BGS
Y9 BHSG Y9 DAHS	Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BGS
Y10 BHSG Y10 DAHS	Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BGS	Y13 BGS
Y11 BHSG Y11 DAHS	Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS	
Y12 BHSG Y12 DAHS	Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS		
Y13 BHSG Y13 DAHS			

■ Advantages :

- Allows exam years to complete their courses on the same site, as promised
- Allows more time for new accommodation to be completed
- No temporary classrooms needed
- More girls (approx. 260) at Bromham Rd site in 2011

■ Disadvantages :

- Split site will be challenging, but could be managed.
- No real educational reasons why Years 8 and 9 (in 2011) shouldn't move sooner
- Risk of girls not being fully involved in all aspects of school life