



Haberdashers' Aske's Federation
**Haberdashers' Aske's
Knights Academy**



3 to 19 Academy in Downham

A proposal to integrate Merlin Primary School and Knights Academy

Creating an outstanding all-through school for Downham

Lewisham Council is intending to consult on a proposal to merge HAKA and Merlin Primary School. We hope you will see in this proposal a vision for an outstanding place of learning to serve the children and young people of Downham for many years to come.

The Haberdashers' Company, the principal sponsor, is one of the twelve 'great' Livery Companies of the City of London. It was established in 1371, and its main concern today is the administration of the many charities, primarily concerned with education, of which it is trustee.

The Temple Grove Schools Trust, the co-sponsor, is an educational charity specialising in primary education.

The existing Federation is outstandingly successful.



This success is based on a number of important things:

- The highly respected Haberdashers' ethos of respect, responsibility and promoting excellence
- Ambitious targets and challenges for every student that result in great success
- An exceptional curriculum, enhanced by specialisms
- Outstanding teaching
- Students' enjoyment of learning, their behaviour and attitudes and sense of responsibility towards each other. They feel safe.
- Opportunities for students to grow in confidence and maturity through carefully planned, and wide ranging opportunities, both within the UK and abroad
- Outstanding leadership and management at all levels
- Promoting excellence

The Federation believes incorporating a primary phase into Knights Academy, resulting in an all-through, 3 to 19 academy in Downham, brings clear and positive gains for students.

- The Aske's tradition, culture and values will inform the whole of each student's life in school. Every student will belong to a school House
- Curriculum experience will have continuity and integration from age 3 to 19
- Cross-phase transition issues will not hold back an individual's progress
- All primary phase children will have an automatic right of entry to Knights Academy, and will have the choice to apply for other Secondary Schools through the Local Authority
- Transition will be seamless between Years 6 and 7
- Primary and secondary teachers will work together and share expertise
- Outstanding facilities and specialist resources will be available for all 3 to 19 learners.



The new Academy will be committed to providing a wide range of experiences to meet the learning and developmental needs of every student. This will be achieved by:

- **Personalising the learning experience** through a wide and appropriate range of courses; students able to move forward at their own rates; assessments that show the next steps for learners; student involvement in planning and agreeing personal targets; and a wide range of enrichment activities. Subject setting will enable students to progress at their own optimum pace.
- **Providing flexible learning programmes** in association with local colleges
- **Supporting those with additional and special needs** through specialised teaching; staff training; in-class support; and specialist programmes of study/equipment
- **Able or talented** specific opportunities for those with outstanding gifts and talents, both academic and extracurricular
- **Extracurricular activity** to develop personal responsibility, support healthy lifestyles and nurture cultural interests
- **University education** is one ambition. Placing a high priority on admission to top Universities, Colleges and all aspects of further and higher education.

Pupils in the primary phase will follow the National Curriculum and will have access to the secondary phase specialist provision in such things as PE, Science, Modern Foreign Languages and Technology. Emphasis will be given to providing a safe and supportive experience that encourages high achievement and personal growth. Sixth Formers will help with mentoring and activities and a House System will promote a sense of belonging and participating. The Academy has a very strong SEN Department acknowledged by the award of IQM.

Knights Academy is a specialist sports' academy. The school has earned a reputation, locally and nationally, as a centre of excellence in sport and is the base for one of the Lewisham School Sports Partnerships serving 59 primary schools and seven primary schools. Learning in Sport is developed across the curriculum through a variety of approaches including extensive use of ICT and specialist sporting facilities such as purpose built gym, astro turf and spring floored gymnasium. Expertise is developed and results in the highest standards of achievement for those with aptitude in this specialist area. It provides an impetus for excellence across the whole curriculum.

Classes will largely be in single-sex groups in Years 7 to 11, giving students all the benefits of single-sex education within a co-educational campus. The primary phase and the Sixth Form will be fully co-educational. Boys and girls interact in all aspects of Academy life: plays, concerts, trips and enrichment activities.

The Academy has a strong community vision and aims to be the community's focal point. Both phases will open up facilities for a comprehensive range of services and lifelong learning activities. The primary phase will work collaboratively with child-care providers, health visitor services, speech and language services, community services, community police and the youth service.



Our core values are: Mutual Respect Achieving Excellence

High Expectations and Achieving Every Child's Potential!

The Federation works closely with the Local Authority and other local schools to provide a greater range of courses than a single school could provide and to extend this to other schools.

There will be opportunities for the primary phase to work with the rest of the schools in the wider Haberdashers' family of schools. This includes sporting and musical events, as well as work experience and Oxbridge tuition. Annual events across the three Federation schools include student voice conferences and leadership training. Visits to the Haberdashers' Hall in the City of London are encouraged for all students.

Admissions

The Academy's admissions policy will be compliant with the requirements of the School Admissions Code. The admission arrangements for the primary phase will follow the Federation Primary Admission criteria which is the same as the current admission criteria for Merlin Primary School. There is automatic entry from Year 6 of the Primary phase to Year 7 of the Secondary phase once the incorporation is complete.



How do I get involved?

Consultation meetings on the proposal and a public event will be organised by Lewisham Council.

There will be opportunities to ask questions and for you to give your views to contribute to the Consultation Process.

All views expressed will be recorded and summarised and then considered by the Local Authority.

You will be invited by the Local Authority to send in views by writing or email. You can also let us at the Federation know and we will pass these onto the Local Authority to incorporate into the report on the consultation which will go to the Mayor of Lewisham and will be a public document.

Send your written views to the Haberdashers' Aske's Federation by Friday 25th June 2010.

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Consultation Timetable

Monday 17th May 2010

Publication of consultation document and beginning of consultation period

Friday 25th June 2010

Public consultation period ends

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