



Hull Trinity House Academy Consultation

We are consulting on:

- An increase in the number of students in each year group from 120 to 240
- A move from the current school site on Charlotte Street Mews to the Endeavour building on Beverley Road
- A change from an all-boys school to a co-educational school

Introduction

Hull and the Humber Port area are at the heart of an expansion of jobs in the renewables industry, coupled with other inward investments into the Humber. This means more opportunities in the maritime sector, engineering, logistics, and a whole range of other jobs and careers. We are determined that the young people of Hull will have the highest quality of education and training, so that they can benefit from these opportunities and that future employers can locate in Hull, confident of a skilled workforce.

Why are we looking at making the proposed changes to Hull Trinity House Academy?

As a school, we have the highest expectations for what children can achieve. We back this up with strong leadership, excellent teaching and support for all pupils. We make sure children are getting an excellent education. We want more local children to access this education and take advantage of every opportunity.

Only those schools rated as good or better can make changes such as those being proposed. A number of other Hull schools have already taken the opportunity to make changes and expanded their numbers, or are planning to do so.

We want to build on our history and the excellent teaching and learning at the school to create a sustainable school for the future, generating unique opportunities for *more* of the young people of Hull.

Heritage of Hull Trinity House Academy

We have made a commitment that traditions such as Chapel, Dinner Day, inspections and full parades would continue to be an integral part of school life. Maritime studies would play a full part of the curriculum and the academy's distinct uniform would not change.

We maintain strong links with the Hull Trinity House Brethren, who founded the school over 250 years ago. They continue to play an active part in the life of the school.

The Hull Trinity House Brethren also participate in the governance of the school, via their membership of our Academy Advisory Body (AAB).



We are proud that the Hull Trinity House Brethren have given their support to all three elements of our proposals. We are confident that these proposals will not impact on the heritage and culture of the academy.

What is Delta Academies Trust asking me?

We want to understand what you think of the proposed changes.

1. How do you feel about the increase in the number of pupils?
2. What are your views on moving to the new site?
3. Do you agree with making the school co-educational?

We want to hear from you, even if you do not have particularly strong views. All voices count.

It is important to understand that these three proposed changes are interlinked, for example the school cannot, due to site constraints, increase the number of pupils without moving site.

1. Increase in pupil numbers

We are proposing to increase the number of children in each year group at the school from 120 to 240. Any increase would be introduced gradually, to allow the school to grow in a carefully controlled and managed way.

Any expansion would take place over a phased period, not all at once. If this proposal goes ahead, the increase would start for Year 7 pupils in September 2022. This would allow us to appoint new high-quality staff to supplement the outstanding teaching already in place.

If these plans go ahead, we will have created an additional 600 places by September 2026.

Why are considering this?

- The increase in numbers of students will expand the choice of courses available at GCSE and increase Post 16 opportunities.
- We want to provide more of the children of Hull with the opportunity to benefit from our high-quality teaching and learning. However, we cannot expand on the current school site as there is no space.
- Hull Trinity House is the highest performing academy for English and Maths combined at Grade 4s and 5s across the city. Across all subjects, 23% of students achieved at least one grade 9 and 5% of students received five or more grade 9s. Standards would rise still further as learners have more choices.

- We would like to give more young people the opportunity to experience our unique ethos and outstanding education and there is a shortage of secondary school places across the city.

Hull is experiencing a rise in pupils entering secondary school due to historic birth rate trends. Expansions have already been agreed at three secondary schools in Hull, but the growing need for additional places in Hull means a further four expansion proposals are also being considered, together with this proposal.

This is the opportunity for Hull Trinity House Academy to support the aspirations of our young people and play our part of the city-wide strategy to create sufficient secondary school places. We want more of Hull's young people to attend the highest performing secondary school in the city.

We want to hear your views on our proposal to increase pupil numbers.

2. Moving school site

We are proposing moving the school to the Endeavour site on Beverley Road.

Over its long history, the school has moved location on a number of occasions, to meet the needs of a growing school and to broaden the range of subjects students are able to study.

Hull Trinity House Academy moved to the current Charlotte Street Mews site in 2013. This was because the historic former site could no longer meet the needs of a 21st century school.

Subject to the views expressed in this consultation and the statutory process, we would propose to move to this new site in September 2022.

Why are we considering this?

Current site issues:

- There are no playing fields at the current site.
- Students have to travel by bus to access sports, an important part of the curriculum and extra-curricular activity.
- The current Hull Trinity House site was originally built for Higher Education, not a secondary school
- There are only two metal staircases to access the majority of our classrooms, since the current building is spread over eight floors
- There is currently limited access to outside areas as the school is on a main city centre road
- Limited space means the curriculum, scope of subjects, and facilities are more limited than we would like
- The lack of space restricts numbers to around 600 and this limits access for students from across the city.

New site benefits

- The proposed new site was opened in 2003 as a purpose-built secondary school.
- This site is also larger than a typical new secondary school build. This makes it an ideal relocation site for a secondary school.
- It is about the same distance from the Interchange, so travelling to and from school will be no harder.
- The site has more and varied facilities including workshops, science labs, a drama studio, construction and food technology rooms.
- Importantly, it has playing fields and sports facilities, and outside space for students.
- Time currently spent travelling to off-site sports facilities will be freed up for wider curriculum and enrichment opportunities.
- The corridors are spacious, and across only three floors.
- There is ample space at the proposed new site for students to be easily picked up and dropped off by car.
- New cycle lanes are being built along Beverley Road by Hull City Council. This will allow students to choose a healthy and safe option for their journey to and from school.

It is important to understand that we are not proposing to re-open the old Endeavour High School; our proposal is to expand and develop further one of Hull's very best schools, using a purpose built modern site and facilities.

We want to provide more of the children of Hull with the opportunity to benefit from our high-quality teaching and learning. However, we cannot do this on the current site, as there is no space to expand.

We think that a move to the new site would allow us to improve further the learning environment for our students, to match the excellent teaching provided by our dedicated staff.

We want to hear your views on our proposal to move the school site.

3. Making Hull Trinity House Academy co-educational

When the school was first established by the Hull Trinity House Brethren in 1787, women did not have the opportunity to go to sea as a profession, nor to pursue careers as they do now.

The skills, tradition, discipline and high-quality education provided by Trinity House will not be lost; new ones will be gained and we will continue to equip pupils well for the future.

In the same way as the maritime industry embraced change and new technologies and thrived; sail giving way to steam and then oil, so too does the school.

Under the proposed change to co-education, girls would be part of our traditions. They would wear the Academy uniform and participate in maritime studies and activities.

Any change would be introduced gradually, to allow the school to grow in a carefully controlled and managed way.

Girls would enter as part of a phased expansion, one year at a time, starting at Year 7 in September 2022. Year 7 enjoy their own space with their own lunch times in our schools, so this would support the introduction of this proposed change.

All elements of the admissions policy would remain unchanged under these proposals. We would still draw from the four current zones East, West and North Hull and the East Riding/South Bank. CAT testing would also still take place prior to entry and one third of students from each of three result bands (higher, middle, and lower) would be offered a place.

Why are we considering this?

- Delta Academies Trust supports equality of opportunity for all.
- Hull families will be able to choose our unique educational offer for their daughters as well as for their sons.
- The increase in the number of pupils entering secondary education in Hull applies to girls as well as boys.
- The number of women going into and succeeding in STEM subjects is increasing rapidly.
- The numbers of women who choose to go to sea as a profession has increased dramatically.

We want to hear your views on our proposals to move from an all-boys school to a co-educational school.

Who will be affected?

We are consulting directly with all those who we think may be directly affected by our proposals. We also welcome the views from wider stakeholders.

We are directly asking for the views of:

- students
- parents
- staff
- the local community and
- local representatives
- local businesses
- other local schools

How can I tell you what I think?

We want to hear from as many people as possible as part of this consultation. We understand that some people will have strong views on our proposals. We also want to hear from people who don't necessarily have strong views.

The consultation will run from Monday 8 March 2021 until midnight on Sunday 18 April

You can tell us what you think in the following ways:

- Via our website www.hthacademy.org.uk/consultation
- By email to info@hthacademy.org.uk
- By post using the response form provided.

Please contact us via email info@hthacademy.org.uk or phone 01482 326 421, if you would like to request a copy of these documents or assistance in completing them.

What happens next?

We will publish a summary of frequently asked questions received during the consultation and our responses to them.

We will consider the views you express during this consultation before deciding whether to submit a formal application to the Regional Schools Commissioner.

If an application is made then the Regional Schools Commissioner will also consider the outcomes of this consultation before making the final decision.

We will complete an Equality Impact Assessment to ensure that any proposals fully understand the potential impacts on all groups of pupils and staff.

More information

You can find out more about Hull Trinity House Academy here <https://www.hthacademy.org.uk/>

We have made a video outlining our plans and vision for the future of Hull Trinity House Academy. You can view that here www.hthacademy.org.uk/consultation

You can read more about Ofsted's findings in their visit to the academy in Spring term 2020 via this link <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50150865>

You can read more about the achievements of students at the Academy via this link <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/138082/hull-trinity-house-academy/secondary>

You can find out more about the Hull Trinity House Brethren here <https://www.trinityhousehull.org.uk/>