

St Paul's Way Trust Consultation Document on Proposed 6th Form Expansion

Proposal

St Paul's Way Trust School, as part of the University Schools Trust, is seeking to improve the learning environment and resource of the current sixth form provision.

In order to achieve this St Paul's Way Trust School is looking to expand the site footprint by using the former Prince's Trust offices located in William Cotton Place, where the school already has science labs, as a sixth form hub. This will provide additional capacity for the Sixth Form by up to 40 places per year and meet the demand from within our existing school community i.e. allow us to retain a further 30 – 40 of our current year 11 pupils. No planning application is required to utilize this space.

The Sixth Form has limited capacity for up to 200 students in its current setting, however, we are finding that increased demand for our Post 16 provision from existing students means that any Sixth Form expansion must be via an additional learning space.

We are proposing to grow the Sixth Form to 280 places whilst providing improved facilities necessary for excellent Post 16 learning. This expansion will allow a further c.40 additional students to be placed in the Sixth Form for each year group, i.e. Year 12 and Year 13, respectively.

Proposed Student Number Growth

2023/24 Year 12 (100 students), Year 13 (100 students) Total: 200
2024/25 Year 12 (140 students), Year 13 (100 students) Total: 240
2025/26 Year 12 (140 students), Year 13 (140 students) Total: 280
2026/27 Year 12 (140 students), Year 13 (140 students) Total: 280

Aims of the expansion

The expansion has the following aims:

1. Additional capacity to meet the 6th form demand from within our current school population. St Paul's Way has a PAN of 240 in Years 7 – 11 with the school heavily oversubscribed at the point of entry in Year 7. The current 6th form capacity of 200 is not sufficient to meet the demand for students wishing to progress to Post 16 study within their existing school.

2. Meeting national and local skills through an increased offer. SPW School is high performing KS5 provider: in 2022-23: 19% of students gained AAB+ including 2 facilitating subjects (LA Av.: 7%, Nat Av. 15%) while Average Points Score/Grade was 37.86/B- (LA Av.: 30.26/C, Nat Av.: 35.39/B-). These outcomes support positive destinations for students post -19: 94% of SPW VI form students' progress to higher education or training (LA average: 69%, National average 68%).

Conclusion

The new provision will serve to enhance the School's offer, as well as providing an excellent learning space that will enable our students to flourish academically and socially.

The Trust would therefore welcome any comments regarding the planned use as described above.

Submitting Comments on the Consultation

If you do have any comments that you would like to submit to the Trust, please could you do so via info@ust.london by 3pm on Tuesday 30th July

The information you submit will be reviewed by the University Schools Trust as the 'Data Controller' under the UK General Data Protection Regulations, who will ensure that any information is processed fairly and lawfully.