

# Save St Guthlac's School - Press Article

## Half of South View leavers don't go to St Guthlac

FIGURES released by Lincolnshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act show that in some school years more than half of the leavers from Crowland's primary school choose not to go to the town's secondary school.

Education chiefs have pointed to the low numbers of students at St Guthlac School as a reason for its long term future being in doubt.

The Lincolnshire Free Press can today reveal that of this year's 48 year six pupils leaving the South View Primary School, 54.2 per cent will go to the St Guthlac.

A third will go to the Deepings School in Deeping St James, with the remaining six pupils destined for the Spalding schools and the George Farmer Technology and Language College in Holbeach.

In 2009 60.4 per cent of the 47 leavers attended St Guthlac, but the

numbers were lower in the three previous school years.

In 2008 47.9 per cent went to the St Guthlac and in 2007 that was just 39.6 per cent. In 2006 the number was exactly half.

However, in both 2007 and 2008 the numbers of pupils attending Spalding Grammar and High schools, where pupils must pass the Eleven Plus exam to attend, was high.

In 2007 eleven of 47 South View leavers went to one of the selective schools and in 2008 that reached 15 of 44, just over 31 per cent.

Only one pupil in the last five years has chosen to go to the George Farmer, which education bosses say will subsume the St Guthlac if it becomes an academy. That's the same amount as went on to the Walton Community School, in Peterborough.

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