

Do you want Crowland to still have a secondary school in 2013?

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Here are answers to some questions that you have been asking...

My child is in Year 5 at the moment. Will I be able to send them to a secondary school in Crowland?

No. Our current understanding from the published documents is that The University Academy Holbeach (formally St Guthlac School) plans to close the Crowland site to students in July 2013.

Which secondary school will my child attend?

Students and parents will be able to apply to secondary schools in Spalding, Market Deeping and Holbeach as usual, but we also hope to be able to offer the opportunity for your child to attend a new secondary school in Crowland which is part of the government's new type of school – a Free School. Home-to-School transport arrangements will need to be checked at the time of applying to the school of your choice.

Will the new Secondary Free School open in September 2013?

The new Secondary Free School will only be approved by the government and open in September 2013 if we can show enough support from parents with children currently in Year 5 and Year 4.

What will the new Secondary Free School be like?

The new school will have:

- ✓ **High expectations for every student, with no excuses;**
- ✓ **High quality lessons everyday;**
- ✓ **High levels of community involvement.**

Who will run the new Secondary Free School?

The school will be run by a Trust. The trustees are similar to governors of a school. The Trust will choose and employ the services of a Free School Provider. This Free School Provider will have a proven track record of running successful schools and will share our commitment to ensuring that the residents of Crowland have the option of a truly local secondary school open to all students from all backgrounds. We want a new school that sets the highest of aspirations for our young people.

Will the new Secondary Free School be at least a 'good' school?

Free Schools are required to deliver high educational standards and are inspected by OfSTED to the usual inspection framework.

Who pays for the new Secondary Free School?

There is no charge made to parents for students to attend the Free School. Free Schools are funded directly from central government, rather than the Local Authority. This provides more choice and opportunity for prioritisation of spending.

Will my child have to take an exam to go to the new Secondary Free School?

No. The Crowland Secondary Free School will have fully inclusive and comprehensive admissions criteria.

How many students will be at the new Secondary Free School?

It is anticipated that the Crowland Free School would start with an intake of 90 Year 7 students in September 2013 and grow to full capacity by 2017. The Crowland Free School would be a small school of about 600 students aged 11-16 where each child would be known by everyone.

We must be able to demonstrate community support for this Free School to the Department for Education (DfE). We are particularly interested to hear from parents/carers with children currently in Year 5 and Year 4 as these groups of students would be the first with the opportunity to attend the Crowland Free School in September 2013 and 2014.

If you are a parent or carer with a child born after the 1st September 2001 and are interested in a local secondary school for your child(ren) in Crowland, please contact us in one of the ways shown below.

If you are an interested member of the Crowland community and want to see secondary education stay in Crowland, please contact us in one of the ways shown below.

- ✓ **Complete our survey online at** www.education4crowland.co.uk
- ✓ **Write to us at:** Education4Crowland,
c/o The Parish Rooms, Hall Street, Crowland, PE6 0EW;
- ✓ **Contact us by email at** contact@education4crowland.co.uk

If you have any more questions you would like answering or comments you wish to make about a Secondary Free School in Crowland, please do contact us or visit our website at www.education4crowland.co.uk.