

A message from Blacon High School...

Thank you for attending today's public consultation about proposals to develop a new teaching block at Blacon High School.

The display boards explain why the development is needed and how it would be laid out.

The new Blacon High School opened in 2016 and has continued to grow in popularity, with demand increasing for school places over the last two years. Our forecast shows that the school will continue to thrive and places will remain at a similar level for the foreseeable future so increasing the schools capacity is a priority.

We understand how important it is to have a high school that local children can access, and we are delighted that Blacon High School is the school of choice for the community.

This new development will allow us to increase the range of teaching spaces we have available as we continue to increase aspiration and achievement and opening up destination opportunities for leavers.

The proposed new two-storey building would provide a range of spaces needed to respond to the increasing demand for pupil places and will give local children a greater opportunity to access secondary education within the locality instead of being displaced elsewhere.

- Rachel Hudson, Headteacher

Feedback

Today's consultation is to find out what you think, and to hear about any concerns you may have about the development proposals. School staff and members of the project team are available to answer all of your questions, so please take some time viewing the boards and discussing the proposals.

Feedback forms are available around the room - these can be completed and posted into the Feedback Box or handed to the team before you leave. You can also review the boards and provide feedback and comments electronically from 10am tomorrow by visiting www.resultscommunications.co.uk

Feedback can be provided until 11.59pm on 13 September 2019.

Next steps...

We will spend the next 14 days gathering feedback and comments from visitors here today, those who view the boards and provide feedback remotely, and from stakeholders with whom the project team is continuing to discuss the proposals.

We are planning to submit our planning application for consideration by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council mid-to late-September. At that point the council will notify the community that the application has been lodged, and will open its period of public consultation ahead of making a decision. A decision is expected within 12 weeks of the application being lodged. If approval is granted, work would commence early in 2020.



Aerial shot showing the current Blacon High School
Source: Google Earth. Image date: 25 June 2018