



WEDNESFIELD TECHNOLOGY PRIMARY

A proposed school from Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust
Section 10 Consultation



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Our Proposal

Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust is proposing to open a brand-new primary school in the Wednesfield area in September 2022. The name of the new school will be **Wednesfield Technology Primary**. It will be a two-form entry primary school, with 60 pupils per year group.

We are a **non-selective, state school welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities**. We expect to welcome children from within the local community.

The founding pupils will have a unique opportunity to be the first cohort to start their outstanding education in our first Reception classes at Wednesfield Technology Primary School.

The school will be situated on the former site of Edward the Elder Primary School on Lichfield Road in Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.



Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust

Since the Department for Education approved our Free School applications we have been working hard to ensure everything is in place for a proposed September 2022 opening date for Wednesfield Technology Primary. As part of the pre-opening programme, we are required to undertake a public consultation, this pack forms part of this process.

Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust was established in 2007 and founded by Shireland Collegiate Academy, an Outstanding school located in the Smethwick area. We have a reputation both locally and nationally of being innovative in our teaching methods and using technology to enhance levels of progress. **We believe that everyone who passes through our doors deserves the very best that we can offer.** We understand that each school is unique, but our emphases and expectations will remain the same. **Nothing less than Outstanding is acceptable.**

As of September 2021 the Trust family includes five primary academies, three secondary academies and two nurseries. Shireland Technology Primary was our first technology primary free school and Wednesfield will follow this same model.

We look forward to listening to your views so that we can work together in providing the local community with the best primary school possible. We would like to thank you for your involvement in our consultation and look forward to serving you in the future.



Sir Mark Grundy

CEO Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust

Sir Mark was knighted in 2006 for his services to education and technology in the UK. Sir Mark has led two schools to be judged Outstanding by Ofsted, and in March 2013, Shireland was judged for a second time to be an Outstanding and an “Exceptional” Academy. He now leads the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust as Chief Executive Officer.

Sir Mark also works for the Department for Education as the Education Advisor to the Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands and sits on the board of the Education Endowment Foundation.

“I joined Shireland as Head Teacher in 1997 and have had the pleasure to serve its community and the families for over 20 years. Shireland has had a national reputation for a number of years for innovation, collaboration and for inspiring the individuals in its care. As Chief Executive of the Trust I am incredibly proud of our achievements to date and am looking forward to building on them in communities like Wednesfield.”

“We want every single person that comes through the doors of one of our schools to leave having grown as an individual, in terms of their skillset and their respect for others. We hope that everyone will have participated in a ‘Whole Education’ that prepares them both personally and professionally and that they are well placed for a successful and happy life.”





Why Does Wednesfield Need a New Primary School?

Wednesfield Technology Primary will help to support the growing demand for primary school places in the Wednesfield area.

We believe every child has the right to access **outstanding education opportunities and facilities**. Our primary school will provide high quality learning and an innovative curriculum.

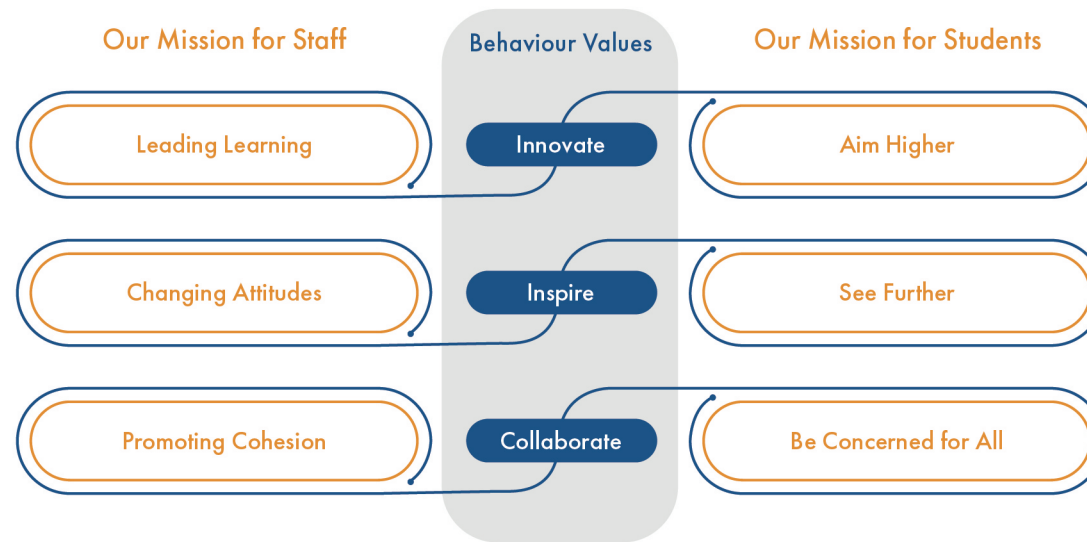
We want to provide, not only to young people, but to families in the local community, outstanding learning experiences. Technology will be used creatively as a tool across the curriculum to support teaching and accelerate learning. We want to provide a more outstanding education choice for parents, equipping their children with ambition, a rounded education, and key skills for the future.

Wolverhampton Local Authority has fully supported the bid to open this new primary school.



Our Vision

Our aim to provide outstanding education for all our learners is underpinned by our values, which in turn are supported by our core behaviours:



Our vision is to enable pupils to achieve beyond their expectations by providing the best technology-enabled educational opportunities.

We believe that every pupil should be equipped for the future through teaching relevant skills for the world in which they live; that every pupil should have access to a 'Whole Education' underpinned by academic rigour and that each and every child should be safe, happy, ambitious and respectful.

Our school environment will ensure that every child is safe and supported, making effective efforts and intervening when needed; building strong relationships with families and the local community.



Our Approach

Our inspiring curriculum

Our three core values **Excite, Explore, Excel** are interwoven into everything we do. They not only drive our attitude to learning but are the foundation of our curriculum; E3L for **Excite, Explore, Excel** Learning.

This thematic curriculum has a high focus on literacy, enabling pupils to access a broad and balanced curriculum that develops the skills, knowledge and qualities needed to flourish in learning and life.

It '**excites**' and motivates both staff to teach and pupils to learn, ensures that pupils and staff have the skills needed to confidently and successfully '**explore**' and learn new things and arouses curiosity that allows for a successful learning culture where pupils and staff '**excel**'.

Innovating with technology

By using technology to create exceptional learning experiences, we help **bring the curriculum and learning to life** with children having many opportunities to **collaborate, problem solve** and develop **critical thinking skills**.

Our close relationships with Microsoft UK, Hodder (eduu.school) and Smart support our carefully crafted digital framework. This provides a structure for staff to deliver key digital skills to support pupils' learning and offers progression from EYFS to Secondary, ensuring our learners are ready for an increasingly digital world and workplace.

Collaborating to provide the best opportunities

We have a dedicated Enrichment Team who work with all schools in our Trust. They have strong relationships with external organisations such as the **Birmingham Hippodrome** to provide exciting extra-curricular activities for our students.

In 2023 we are due to open the new Shireland CBSO School, building on our long-standing links with the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**. This relationship will allow us to enhance music learning across all our schools and give unrivalled opportunities to our children.

We also understand that the development of a young person is a three-way partnership. Our **Passport to Success** scheme offers families the opportunity to learn new skills, broaden horizons and improve wellbeing through a structured programme of workshops and activities.



**Excite
Explore
Excel**

Lady Kirsty Grundy

Primary Education Lead

Lady Kirsty Grundy is the Primary Education Lead for the Trust and Principal of our first Technology Primary, Shireland Technology Primary, who draws on over two decades of teaching and leadership experience in both primary and secondary schools; she believes that harnessing technology for learning can enable, engage and enthuse learners and lead to effective, sustained school improvement.

Lady Grundy is known nationally for her work on Technology for Learning and Flipped Learning and often advises other schools, local authorities and countries on the role of educational technology.

“We need the children of today to be prepared for the world in 20 years’ time. We have a duty to ensure they have the relevant skillset to be able to leave their education as well-rounded individuals who can harness technology to support their studies and beyond into the world of work. Many primary schools are not doing this well enough, leaving young people unable to manage not only social use of technology, but technology in learning and in the workplace. Many businesses are being transformed by technology and need their workforce to be able to use it confidently and effectively. Wednesfield Technology Primary along with our other Technology Primaries will absolutely address this significant issue.

As the Primary Education Lead for the Trust, my job is to ensure that the vision and ethos is translated and implemented across all of the primary schools and that each of the schools delivers the Trust’s high expectations of providing the very best technology-enabled educational opportunities.”



Admissions Process

Our inclusive admissions process will, at all times, be open, transparent and fair, and will meet the requirements of the national Schools Admissions Code, the Appeals Code and Admissions legislation. To apply for a place at Wednesfield Technology Primary in the normal admissions round, an application must be submitted to local authority in which you live naming Wednesfield Technology Primary on the common application form. Applications must be made by 15 January 2022.

We will have 60 places available in Reception for opening in September 2022.

Please find our admissions arrangements at www.shirelandcat.org.uk/wtp-s10-consultation



Getting Involved in Our Conversation

We would like to hear from everyone in our school's community in the upcoming weeks to help inform the Secretary of State's decision as to whether they should enter into a funding agreement with Wednesfield Technology Primary.

We want to listen to all of your comments and act on any feedback to ensure that we are creating the best possible school for the community.

You can get in touch with us in various ways;

- Visit our website www.shirelandcat.org.uk/wtp-s10-consultation and fill out our questionnaire
- Follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WednesfieldTP
- Follow our Twitter page and join in our conversations: www.twitter.com/WednesfieldTP
- Follow us on Instagram for visual update on the school's progress: www.instagram.com/WednesfieldTP
- Attend one of the upcoming events.
- Print off, fill in and post back one of our consultation questionnaires
- Send an email to: info@shirelandcat.org.uk



We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation window, which runs between Monday 13 September 2021 and 5pm on Monday 1 November 2021.

Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust will be acting on behalf of Wednesfield Technology Primary School, so please send any correspondence to:
Wednesfield Technology Primary
c/o Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust
Waterloo Road
Smethwick
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All feedback will be reviewed, analysed and recorded into a final report, and available to view on our website: www.shirelandcat.org.uk

**Please note this consultation is not related to any building or planning applications surrounding the new school; it is solely to consult on whether appropriate persons support the Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to run Wednesfield Technology Primary.*



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