

## Education and Inspections Act 2006: Invitation for proposals to establish a new mainstream secondary school



### Provision of a new secondary School for Lowton and Golborne

Notice is given in accordance with section 7(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Wigan Council invites proposals to establish a new mainstream secondary school.

It is proposed that the school should open on 01 September 2011.

The new school will operate on the current sites of Lowton High School, Newton Road, Lowton, WA3 1DU and Golborne High School, Lowton Road, Golborne, WA3 3EL initially. All pupils attending Lowton High School and Golborne High School at the date of their closure will be offered a place at the new school. The governing body and senior management of the new school will decide how the split site will be managed and which year groups will occupy the two sites.

It is intended that the school will move to new premises on the current site of Lowton Civic Hall, Hesketh Meadow Lane, Lowton, WA3 2AJ from September 2012. The school will serve the areas of Lowton, Golborne and Pennington.

It is confirmed that the local education authority will transfer their interest in the site, buildings or premises to the school's trustees, foundation body, or governing body, as appropriate.

The new school should cater for pupils between the ages of 11 and 16 and provide places for 1500 boys and girls.

The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 300 in all year groups.

The school will not have any provision which is specially resourced for special education needs but will provide access to a wide range of education of a good standard and quality to pupils whose special educational needs can be met in a mainstream setting.

The local authority would like to see the following extended services provided at the school: adult learning opportunities; parenting support; swift and easy access/referral to other services; and a varied menu of activities for young people and adults in the area for community use.

The estimated capital costs of providing the school are £28m.

The complete invitation notice states what information must be included in a proposal made in response to this published summary invitation notice. Copies of the complete invitation notice can be obtained by contacting Wigan Council, Children and Young People's Services, School Place Commissioning Team, Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4HH, email [SchoolsForFuture@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsForFuture@wigan.gov.uk), phone 01942 486299. It is also available on the council website [www.wigan.gov.uk/SchoolsForFuture](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/SchoolsForFuture)

If you wish to submit a proposal in response to this invitation notice, it should be sent to: Lynn Mappin, School Place Commissioning Manager, Wigan Council, Children and Young People's Services, Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4HH or by email to [SchoolsForFuture@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsForFuture@wigan.gov.uk)

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 04 January 2010.

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### Notes

1. The local authority is also proposing that a new primary school and a children's centre be built on the Lowton Civic Hall site and the new secondary school will form part of a learning campus for children and young people aged 0-16 with facilities for the wider community.

2. It is possible that additional services for the community, for example health provision, may be co-located on the new school site.

3. As admission authority for the new school, it will be a matter for the governing body to decide on the oversubscription criteria. However, the local authority's preference would be as follows (after the admission of children with a statement of special educational needs that names the school):

1. Children in public care.
2. Children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the time of admission.
3. Children who live in Golborne, Lowton and Pennington (postcodes WA1; WA2; WA3; WN7-3) and who attend the following primary schools at the time of application: Golborne Primary; Golborne St Thomas C E; Lowton West; Lowton J&I; Leigh Gilded Hollins; Lowton St Luke's C E; and Lowton St Mary's C E.
4. Other children who live in Golborne, Lowton and Pennington (postcodes WA1; WA2; WA3; WN7-3).
5. Other children living nearest to the school.