

Windsor Olympus Academy

Section 10 Consultation

Welcome

We are delighted that our proposed free school for years 7 - 11, Windsor Olympus Academy, has progressed to pre-opening phase.

Windsor Olympus Academy will be much more than a school. It will be at the heart of the community, supporting families and transforming lives through the power of education. The planned opening date is September 2023 for the first 180 Year 7 students, growing year on year to 900 young people.

We are committed to providing students, parents and carers, and the local community we serve, with the best school possible. As such, we are undertaking a public consultation exercise to get your views.

We welcome your feedback and look forward to listening to your comments.

Warm wishes.

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Our Moral Purpose -'Unlocking Academic and Personal Potential'

Helping students achieve their potential drives everything we do. We want our students to have a love and passion for learning, to aspire and become all and more than they ever thought they could be. This means we focus on much more than academic success.

We unlock both academic and personal potential through inspiring teaching and learning, fantastic opportunities, and an inclusive community to help students become great learners and great people who thrive and make a difference in the world.

About Windsor Olympus Academy

Windsor Olympus Academy will become the tenth school in the Windsor Academy Trust family when it opens in September 2023. It will be built on a decade of excellence and putting children first.

The school is located on Perrott Street within a few minutes' walk of Winson Green Outer Circle tram stop and several bus routes. Anyone who has a child starting Year 7 in September 2023 is eligible to apply. See our Admissions Process on Page 6 for further details.













Brilliant Facilities

Providing children with the right environment and facilities is crucial in enabling them to achieve their potential. Our school has been designed with this in mind. Students can get creative in dance and music studios, experiment in science labs and get active using our huge range of sports and fitness facilities. There's also incredible dining, social and outdoor space for students to relax and catch up with friends. Watch our virtual walkthrough at olympusacademy.org.uk/tour.



Inspiring Teaching and Learning

We want all students to be excited to attend school and generate a love of learning that stays with them throughout their life. With this in mind, our teaching and learning engages, enthuses and inspires students in every lesson, every day. Our curriculum provides students with the knowledge, character virtues and learning skills to thrive. Furthermore, all students will receive their own iPad to power up their learning and develop the digital skills they need to succeed in the future.







Sports and Performing Arts

Sports and performing arts will be an important part of life at Windsor Olympus Academy. Our elite facilities, including a dance studio, 3G artificial pitch and fitness suite, will provide students with a professional environment to develop their talent. Our curriculum is led by specialist teachers and coaches and will build skills for life and help students achieve their potential. Children who demonstrate a high level of performance in physical activity and sport can also apply for a sports aptitude scholarship to benefit from an enhanced sporting programme.



A Welcoming and Inclusive School

To help students settle into life at our school, we will be running a comprehensive transition programme during the summer of 2023 where both children and parents will be invited to visit their new school. Once at our school, your child will experience a welcoming and inclusive community with excellent pastoral care. Our house system will provide further support and opportunities for your child, which will build students' confidence and allow them to enjoy school life to the fullest.



Extraordinary Opportunities for Students

Providing students with opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom is crucial to supporting their development. At our school, students can take part in a huge range of extracurricular activities allowing them to follow their passions and develop new skills. As part of our WAT Pledge, all students will achieve 12 experiences and accomplishments before leaving our school that will inspire them and boost their development.



Supporting the Community

Our school will be at the very heart of the community and a welcoming place for all. Local residents, community groups and sports clubs will be able to use our facilities. There will also be the opportunity for students to make a difference in their community and more widely, including participating in community projects and raising money for charity. Students will also play a critical role in driving sustainability across the school to support our vision of leaving the world in a better place for future generations.





Why a New Secondary School is Needed

Population growth has created demand for more secondary school places in Sandwell with a need for 3,000 extra places by 2025. This demand for places is further highlighted by the majority of local secondary schools being oversubscribed. Windsor Olympus Academy will not only address this demand for places but will also replicate the outstanding provision of the Windsor Academy Trust for young people in the area.

Please note that this consultation is not related to a planning application for the new school. It is solely to consult on whether the community supports the Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to run Windsor Olympus Academy.

Admissions Process

To apply for a place in Year 7 in September 2023, please complete our online application form at olympusacademy.org.uk/apply

If you require a paper copy of the application form, please call 0121 602 7594.

10% of our places are allocated to children who have the potential to succeed at a high level in sport. If your child demonstrates a high level of performance in physical activity and sport, you can apply for a sports aptitude place by completing the 'sports aptitude' section on our online application form.

Applications close on 31st October 2022



The Consultation Process

We are inviting views from across the community to help inform the Secretary of State for Education's decision on whether to enter into a funding agreement with Windsor Academy Trust.

We are committed to listening to your comments and acting on any feedback to ensure we provide students, parents and carers, and the local community we serve, with the best school possible.

You can give us feedback in a number of ways:

- Complete the online questionnaire found on our website here: www.olympusacademy.org.uk/about/section-10-consultation
- Contact us via email or phone to request a paper copy of the form and return to us by post: Windsor Academy Trust, Free School Consultation, Trinity Point, High Street, Halesowen, B63 3HY

We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation period which runs from **Monday 17th October** to **Sunday 27th November.**





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