

Building Schools for the Future – Have your say



Transforming the way we learn

Over the next six years the council plans to invest around £260m in the Borough's secondary schools.

The funding is part of the Building Schools for the Future programme (BSF).

Every Wandsworth secondary school will benefit from new or improved buildings and the latest Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

This consultation leaflet explains how the investment will be used to transform learning opportunities for our young people.



Help us shape the future

Wandsworth has some of the best secondary schools in inner London. The progress our students make between the ages of 11 and 16 places the Borough among the top ten in the country.

We are eager to build on this success. By creating new and exciting learning environments in our schools, we aim to ensure students can discover their real talents and reach their full potential.

While the council is drawing up the broad principles that will guide the investment, most of the detailed planning for the new facilities is taking place in schools.

It's not just about what goes in the classroom. Between us we are developing a model for a new type of secondary school with high quality resources that the whole community can use.



Now it's your turn

Improved educational opportunities matter to us all. That's why your views on our plans for the Borough's schools are so important.

On the following pages you will find much of the detail behind our thinking. We need to know if you share our priorities and if you think there are other areas of investment we should be considering.

We all have a stake in the success of our schools. Whether you are a student, parent, teacher or local resident - we value your contribution.

You can respond online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bsf - or simply complete the attached form and return to the address provided.

We will be incorporating your ideas into the next, more detailed stage of our planning.

The closing date for all responses is 15th August 2008.

Building Schools for the Future Strategy for Change

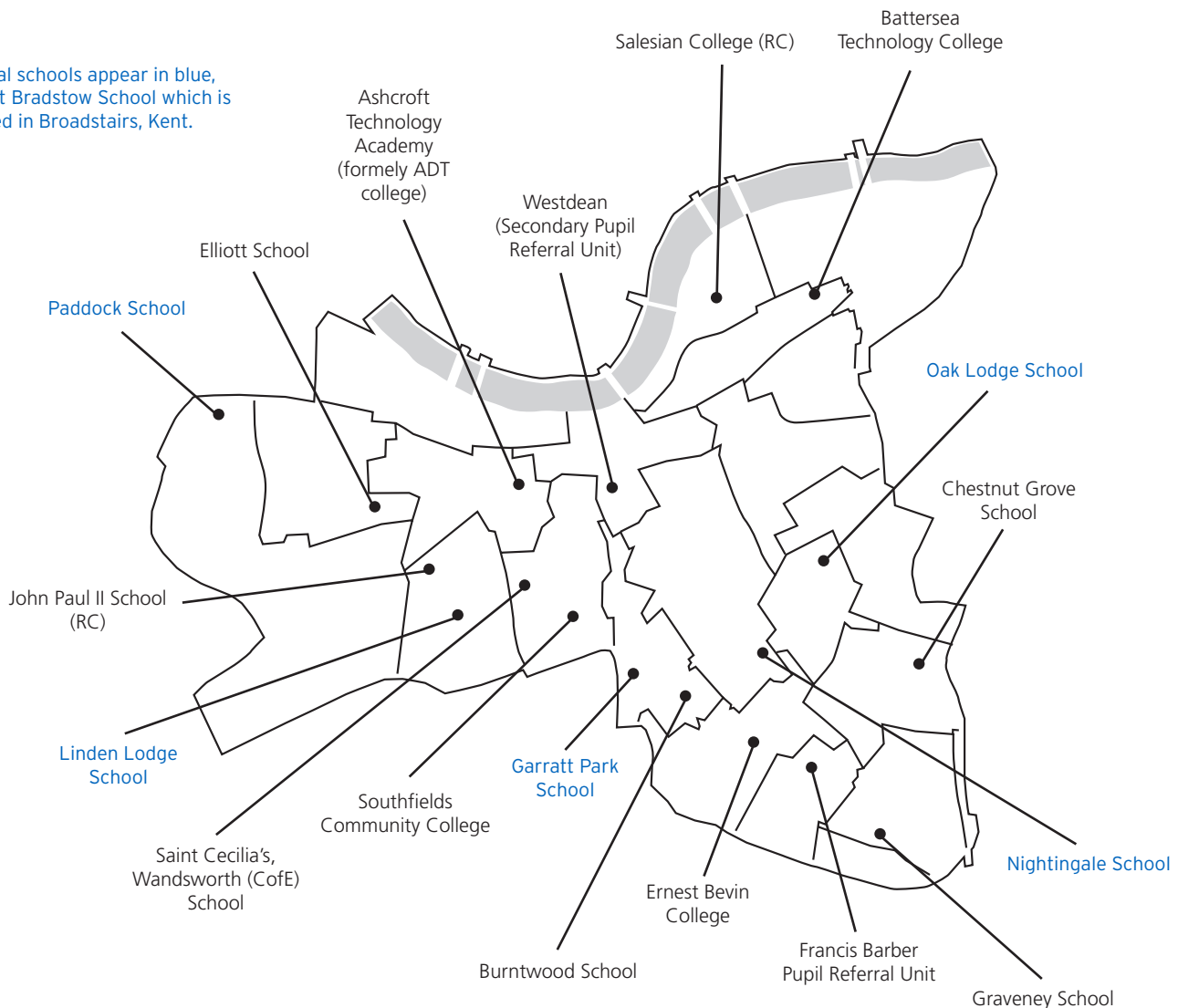
The council's BSF programme aims to:

- Create learning environments that inspire all young people to unlock hidden talents and reach their full potential.
- Provide teachers, students and other staff with 21st century work places.
- Provide access to facilities which can be used by all members of the local community.

We have developed an initial Strategy for Change that will help to transform the way education in the Borough is delivered. As part of the development of Borough-wide plans, schools have also completed their own Strategy for Change document, explaining their vision for the future and the impact that BSF could have on their school. Building on this vision, schools are now working with the BSF team and its advisors to look at the implications of their Strategy for Change on school organisation, design and ICT requirements. This process is helping to identify the types of spaces that schools may require in the future, ranging from large multi-purpose spaces to specialist vocational areas.

Wandsworth schools now

Special schools appear in blue, except Bradstow School which is located in Broadstairs, Kent.



Wandsworth schools tomorrow

Every secondary school in Wandsworth will benefit from the £260 million BSF investment project. All secondary schools will receive new or improved buildings and state of the art ICT over the next few years.

Investment in all Wandsworth secondary schools will result in a combination of remodelled and new buildings. All of the 16 Wandsworth secondary and special schools will receive some building improvements and investment in ICT. The BSF project proposals include the creation of a new state of the art seven-form entry Catholic school, with a sixth form, on the Surrey Lane site in Battersea and considerable redevelopments at schools including Bradstow School, Burntwood School, Battersea Technology College, Chestnut Grove School, Elliott School, Ernest Bevin College, Graveney School, Oak Lodge School and Southfields Community College. St. Cecilia's will gain enhanced sixth form provision. Remodelling will take place at Nightingale School and Francis Barber Pupil Referral Unit.

The council will provide additional space to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of students staying in education beyond the age of 16 and all the mainstream schools will have a sixth form.



Setting out our priorities

The strategy we are developing for Wandsworth is based on eight broad objectives, which we have set out below. In each case we have added a brief summary of what the changes could mean in practice.

These are the key areas where we want your feedback:

Ensure that every school is high performing

BSF investment is an opportunity for all schools to set transformational targets for achievement, review teaching and learning and the delivery of the curriculum to enable every school to perform highly. Genuine transformation and development will only be achieved by the recruitment, retention and development of an excellent workforce. This will be underpinned by innovative ICT, specialist facilities, links with universities and highly trained and skilled staff.

Offer greater choice for students and parents

Choice and diversity is at the core of Wandsworth's vision with every school becoming a 'centre of excellence' in key specialisms, such as Science or Performing Arts, offering opportunities for all learners, through the use of ICT and flexible, well-serviced teaching spaces. Schools will differ in terms of specialist status, character, denominational affiliation, gender, extended services and community facilities but will work collaboratively to develop programmes of transformation and opportunities to share expertise and, occasionally, teaching.

Schools at the centre of their community

Schools will be about much more than what goes on in the classroom. They will become a resource for the whole community to use. This could include access to a wide range of sports facilities, performance space, ICT resources or adult learning opportunities. To help support students and families, schools will have a greater range of after school activities and holiday clubs as well as offering access to a number of multi-agency services.

Personalise learning for students, developing improved teaching and learning opportunities that will help all young people to achieve their full potential

Learning will become more personalised for each student, with individual learning plans agreed for each student to match their needs and aspirations. This will mean improved teaching and learning opportunities that will help all young people to achieve their potential, progressing by their ability rather than just their age.

The BSF investment will enable all schools to offer a range of different and adaptable teaching spaces that will support different types of learning into the future, from traditional class-based to less formal student-focused learning and provide a more 'human scale' organisation, especially during the transition from primary to secondary school.

Create centres of excellence in every school offering a range of courses and Diplomas for parents and pupils to choose from, including access to teaching resources online

Schools will become centres of excellence in their chosen specialism with facilities to improve further the training opportunities for all staff and fulfil the council's commitment to recruit and retain high quality staff. Enhanced training opportunities will also allow schools to share expertise and research to develop teaching practices within the Borough.

Schools will also work together to ensure that pupils have full access to the new Diplomas and provide fully supported ICT to ensure a wide range of resources are available to students.





Maximising the benefits of ICT

BSF will use the opportunity provided by ICT to support the improvement of teaching and learning by developing consistently rich ICT environments. These spaces will incorporate flexible and adaptable approaches to space design, allowing for changes in room usage over time including the opportunity to access learning anytime and anywhere with mobile technologies.

This flexibility will be supported by modern infrastructure and a range of services accessed through an online learning platform, this technology will help students to access work and resources via the internet. Parents will be able to keep up-to-date with their children's progress online. The council's ICT proposals will emphasise the need for tools that support collaborative and project-based learning.

Improve outcomes and inclusion for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and those who may be vulnerable, or at risk of underachieving

Young people have a wide variety of educational needs; BSF gives us the opportunity to ensure all schools can help meet these requirements. For pupils with very specialist needs, significant investment is envisaged for Oak Lodge and Bradstow Schools, with additional funds for ICT and smaller scale works in the remainder of the Borough's special schools.

Mainstream schools will work closely with the Pupil Referral Unit and special schools to share knowledge and skills to assist in catering for pupils with a full range of SEN. Specialist resource bases for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are also proposed for Graveney and the new Catholic School with Southfields Community College hosting a base for pupils with language and social communication needs as well as its existing base for pupils with a hearing impairment.

Design innovative, accessible schools that offer a range of facilities and functions

The creation of buildings and environments that demonstrate to students that they are valued, will help to promote higher standards of behaviour and improved attendance through better design. This will focus on the quality of communal and social spaces, dining facilities, toilets, small group rooms, spaces for external agencies to support children and their families, and the schools' pastoral arrangements. Designs will also ensure that schools have the capability to have environments and accommodation that ensures full inclusion of pupils.

Sustainable schools

We will develop sustainable school buildings using modern energy technology that will reduce the carbon footprint of schools. The BSF proposals will also create environments that promote and enable sustainable working and lifestyle practices such as cycling and walking to school, recycling and reduced water usage.



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Have your Say. What is important to you?

Please tick the proposals that are important to you and add any comments you may have.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that every school is high performing. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maximising the benefits of ICT. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer greater choice for students and parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve outcomes and inclusion for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and those who may be vulnerable, or at risk of underachieving. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools at the centre of their community. | <input type="checkbox"/> Design innovative, accessible schools that offer a range of facilities and functions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personalise learning for students, developing improved teaching and learning opportunities that will help all young people to achieve their potential. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable schools. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create centres of excellence in every school, offering a range of courses and Diplomas for parents and pupils to choose from including access to teaching resources online. | |

Comments

Do you agree with the council's proposals? Which are the most important and are there any that you disagree with?

What improvements would you like to see at your local secondary school?

Are there any additional services or activities that you would like provided from your local school?

Responses

Please send your views to the **Building Schools for the Future Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall Extension, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 2PU** or reply online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bsf

There will be further opportunities to express your views as more detailed plans are developed for individual schools. This will include consultation with children, parents, staff, governors, local community groups and other interested parties.

To assist in the analysis of the comments we receive please supply the following information

Name	Address
School/organisation	Postcode

Please tick the most appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Carer | <input type="checkbox"/> Headteacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Councillor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Please return your comments by 15th August 2008.



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