

## The Swan School: key facts

- The Swan School will be a new state secondary school catering for the growing needs of Oxford.
- A new school is needed because of an increase in numbers of children coming through the system who will reach secondary level in 2019. Without the new school, in 2019 there would not be enough secondary places for all of Oxford's secondary school children to attend without many travelling extreme distances.
- The Swan School will be funded and built under the Government's free schools programme by the Education Funding Agency – part of the Department for Education.
- The school will be part of the River Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust which already includes The Cherwell School, Wheatley Park School and Cutteslowe, New Marston, Tower Hill and Wolvercote primary schools.
- The school will have an intake of 180 pupils per year. When full, it will have 1,260 pupils including the sixth form.
- The Harlow Centre site in Old Marston has been identified as the preferred site for The Swan School. This would be subject to property matters and obtaining planning permission.
- The Education Funding Agency carried out an extensive search for sites in Oxford. Other sites were discounted because they were either not available, not viable or could not be delivered in time to meet the need for places from 2019 onwards.
- A key part of the approach is to consider a number of alternative options for the access arrangements to The Swan School to minimise traffic in residential streets around the site.
- The school project will be subject to planning permission and residents will be consulted as the plans progress and will have the opportunity to comment as proposals develop.
- The River Learning Trust is committed to working with local authorities, parents and the community to create an excellent new school to serve Oxford's families in the coming years.

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