



**THE FULHAM
BOYS SCHOOL**

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The Fulham Boys School (FBS) proposes to change its admissions policy, commencing the academic year 2023/24 (so for applications made Autumn 2022). These changes follow what we believe is a gap in provision for students who do not fit into either special education or mainstream education.

FBS is heavily oversubscribed and many pupils apply with EHCPs, behavioural issues and other special educational needs. These students and their families apply to FBS because they believe in our vision and ethos, but sometimes their sons find it hard to access the curriculum and are not able to cope in a mainstream school. Consequently, they either end up in special schools, where there can be a limited number of qualifications offered, or they go through school without the appropriate support to be able to flourish because the rigid school day is not designed to accommodate their needs. This can often lead to permanent exclusions, low self-esteem, and a lack of engagement as a result of a curriculum which is not built around their needs. What is true of FBS is surely the case in all mainstream schools; teachers have to accommodate these students' needs within a rigid and inflexible timetable which was designed to best suit the majority of learners. Hence it being mainstream. By its very nature, it suits the needs of the majority, and not the minority of learners with more complex needs who need extra time, support and provision in order to succeed.

We are therefore proposing an alternative provision which meets the needs of learners who require a more bespoke approach to education. It will be a wing of The Fulham Boys School and will consist of 24 pupils in each year group. The same FBS ethos, culture, and standards will exist, but how all of this is enforced will be different. In KS4 pupils will study 5 GCSEs.

Furthermore, in the light of the review of alternative provision in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, FBS would extend this offer to boys across the borough, and to that end would accept in-year transfers of pupils starting Year 10 in September 2022 who may benefit from this provision.

The PAN for FBS would go from 130 to 154 with 24 for specific categories. An additional form would need to be filled in for these places.

A copy of this note, the proposed policy and relevant attachments will be available to view on the school website.

The consultation period is from Friday 3rd September to Friday 15th October. Please address any comments to Jane Proudfoot, Clerk to the Governors, using the contact details provided below:

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Explanatory note on changes proposed with relevant paragraph number:

Para 5: This increases the PAN from 130 to 154 for year 7

New Para 8 and amendment to changed Para 9: This inserts an additional form to be filled out for Alternative Provision places. A maximum of 24 pupils can be admitted under this scheme, applicants for these places can be boys or girls, and places may be given to applicants with or without an EHCP. The decision on suitability of applicants for the AP scheme rests with the FBS SenCo. Note that students with an EHCP remain prioritised in school admissions before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

Note 3: This provides further information on the AP scheme application process. A deadline of 14th October is given for submission of the application forms to ensure the FBS SenCo has sufficient time to meet pupils with their parents/guardians to assess suitability of the school's AP provision, before the closing date for secondary applications on 31 October.