



Moving to our new Academy — September 2013

We will be moving to our brand new school by September 2013. There are two possible sites that are both away from the town centre and we are working with planners so that we can spend the £18.2 million that the government gave us to provide the best possible school for all the children in The Thetford Academy.

By Summer 2011 we should know which of the two sites have been chosen, so now we need to get ready for the big move.

Next year we will have all of Year 7 and 8 on the North site and all of Year 9 and 10 on the South site.

We have listened to what a lot of parents told us about moving next year's Year 11 and they will stay where they are for their final GCSE year. So what will this mean for your child?

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have to change anything? Why not wait until we are in one building if it is going to be here in 2013?

We need to get the children working together so that they get to know each other when we go into the new building. This means we can offer more courses for the older children and make sure the younger ones are working to the best of their ability.

How will my child get to the other site? We will arrange for two large buses to leave the campus from the North site and two from the South site at different times. Your child will have a choice of how early they arrive at school and the early ones will be able to have breakfast at school. In the evening the buses will return to pick up your child. These buses **WILL NOT COST PARENTS ANY MONEY** and will be provided until we are in the new building. We will be sending you full details of the travel arrangements nearer the time.

What will my child do if there is a problem on the bus?

We will have bus monitors on each of the buses to assist children and the Heads of House will deal with any problems that children have on the bus in the same way they would if there was a problem in school. All children will stay in the same House so they know who is in charge of looking after them.

How will my child know where to go on the other campus?

We will have special days for the children to go to their new site so that they are shown around and introduced to teachers they may not know. We will also invite parents to tour their child's new site if they want to and we will explain how their child will be made to feel welcome.

What if I want to stay behind after school for clubs and extra-curricular activities?

We will arrange **FREE** transport for students who are keen and committed to attend after school activities in much the same way as we do now. Parents will be well informed of those arrangements.

Diary of Changes

Spring Term 2011

Decision taken to have next year's (Sept 2011) Yr's 7 & 8 students on North Site

Next years Yr's 9 & 10 will be based on South Site

Next years Yr 11 will remain on their existing site

Summer Term 2011

New Academy Site decision

Visits arranged for students to see North and South Campus

Parents invited to visit their child's home site

Detailed information to parents regarding transport arrangements

Students begin courses on new site

Autumn Term 2011

Transport arrangements in place for after school activities

Spring Term 2012

Information for parents about new Academy Building

Exhibition to view model building and plans

Autumn Term 2013

All students move to New Academy

Some of these dates may be subject to change—we will keep you informed

This information can also be found on our website

www.thetfordacademy.com