



December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on plans for the new secondary school in Houghton Regis

I'm writing to update you about the next stage in the transition to the new secondary school which will be built on the Kingsland Campus in Houghton Regis, and I'm delighted to confirm that Advantage Schools are the Multi-Academy Trust that has been selected to run the school.

Advantage Schools currently operates two free schools in Bedfordshire – Bedford Free School, a secondary school which opened in Bedford in September 2012, and Elstow School, a primary school in Elstow.

The new school is scheduled to open in September 2022, for up to 900 pupils aged 11 to 16, and 220 sixth-form students aged 16 to 18. It means that students currently in Years 7 and 8 at Houghton Regis Academy will be able to transfer to the new school for the start of the autumn term in two years' time.

You will be notified in October 2021 of the procedure to follow to confirm your child's school place for 2022, when they will begin in either Year 9 or Year 10.

This is an exciting time as we continue working to deliver an excellent new and modern school, and we look forward to working with Advantage Schools to help your child get the most out of their education.

You can find out more about Advantage Schools on their website:
<https://www.advantageschools.co.uk/>

More information about new school – including some initial plans that we have consulted on – can also be found here:
https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/3/schools_and_education/747/sponsor_needed_for_new_houghton_regis_secondary_school/2

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Harrison
Director of Children's Services
Central Bedfordshire Council