



PRINCE ALBERT HIGH SCHOOL

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INTRODUCTION



The Prince Albert Community Trust is consulting on its proposal to open a new mainstream co-educational secondary school in September 2021. The Prince Albert Community Trust (PACT) is a multi-academy trust (MAT) of primary schools in Birmingham that was established in September 2015. The trust is fully inclusive and currently serves just over 3000 children across five primary schools. At the Prince Albert Community Trust we are proud of our role in our community.

Prince Albert High School (PA High) will be located on Holford Drive in Perry Barr, Birmingham. The School will cater for students aged 11-18 and at full capacity the school will cater for 1260 pupils. PA High will keep the community we serve at the centre of everything we do whilst providing a platform for our pupils to make a real, positive and lasting difference to our world.

PA High will work in collaboration with the local authority, citizens, charities, and key organisations to develop provision so that it delivers high quality approaches which have a significant impact on learning, well-being and on life opportunities.

The Pastoral team will build on a wide range of engaging activities as well as offering positive mentoring, advice and support. PA High will provide a safe space for community activity, with provision before and after school, in the evenings, at the weekend, and during the school holidays. The community will be encouraged to make use of the facilities to help embed the provision into the local community.

Mainstream secondary schools in Birmingham have been identified as having strong academic and performance outcomes. However, the council has identified a need for a new secondary school within the local area to reflect the growing demand for secondary school places within the local area.

Prince Albert Community Trust will:

- Address the need for additional school spaces within the local area
- Create employment opportunities in the community.
- Create educational provision based on a rich, innovative and thematic curriculum.
- Deliver excellent pastoral support
- Enable every pupil to succeed in their education
- Support the local community by facilitating the delivery of recreational sport and activities outside of school hours.
- Foster excellent partnerships in the local area and beyond to ensure pupils are given a multitude of educational experiences.

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CONSULTATION

To reflect the ongoing situation with COVID19, we will not be conducting face- to face consultation sessions. However, The Prince Albert Community Trust will be offering opportunities to engage with the trust through a virtual consultation event. All are welcome to attend our virtual consultation event which will take place on:

Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 5pm

This will be an opportunity to meet members of the Trust, ask questions and share your views. If you would like to attend you can register for free on our [online event page](#). Alternatively you can email us at enquiry@pahigh.co.uk directly and we will ensure that you are provided with the information required to access the online consultation.

You can also share your views through our online survey which is available on our website www.pahigh.co.uk. You can also send us any questions or comments you may have to enquiry@pahigh.co.uk.

WELCOME

In September 2021, Prince Albert High School will open its doors to year 7 pupils. The pupils entering the new school, in a brand new building will be making history as PA High's first ever cohort. They will begin their secondary education in a modern building that has been designed specifically for them.

The pupils will enjoy and innovative and exciting curriculum taught by outstanding teachers enabling them to meet the very high expectations that we will set for them.

The school will provide academic rigour alongside the very best of pastoral support to ensure that our pupils leave with all of the knowledge, skills and attributes they will need to succeed beyond their secondary education.

At PACT we are very excited about PA High School because we know that we can continue the excellent work of our primary schools in to the secondary phase. We set incredibly high expectations for all of our pupils and staff and have successfully engendered a culture of staff going above and beyond to ensure that they are achieved.

We have created an aspirant school community that is characterised by high levels of trust, rigour and responsibility in order to ensure that our pupils fully benefit from the transformational, life changing power of education. We believe that PA High School will be a continuation of this and guarantee an outstanding secondary education for our children.

Our purpose

We are here to:

- Enable every pupil to succeed at school and in life by developing the whole child through a rich, innovative and inspiring curriculum that lays strong foundations for active citizenship, future study and work.
- Be a driving force for social justice in the communities we serve.
- Contribute to developing the wider school system by raising standards in schools that join us, by sharing our approach to school improvement and by learning from others

Our ambition - **UNITED WE ARE WORLD CLASS**

Through working together we aspire to achieve:

- Exceptional education - for all our pupils, in all our schools
- Exceptional People - the best team working with and for our pupils
- Exceptional infrastructure - to have systems, processes, policies, resources and buildings that enable an excellent education
- Sustainability and growth - to be a resilient, sustainable and nimble organisation with sound financial management and good governance at the heart of delivering excellence

Our values

In all that we do, we demonstrate:

- Passion - for excellence; being professional and striving to achieve consistently high standards in everything we do
- Aspiration - wanting the very best for our pupils, schools, families, communities and staff
- Collaboration - working with each other, stakeholders and partners to achieve our goals and make a positive difference to the wider school system
- Trust- being reliable and honest, creating a safe and respectful environment for all
- to learn and work



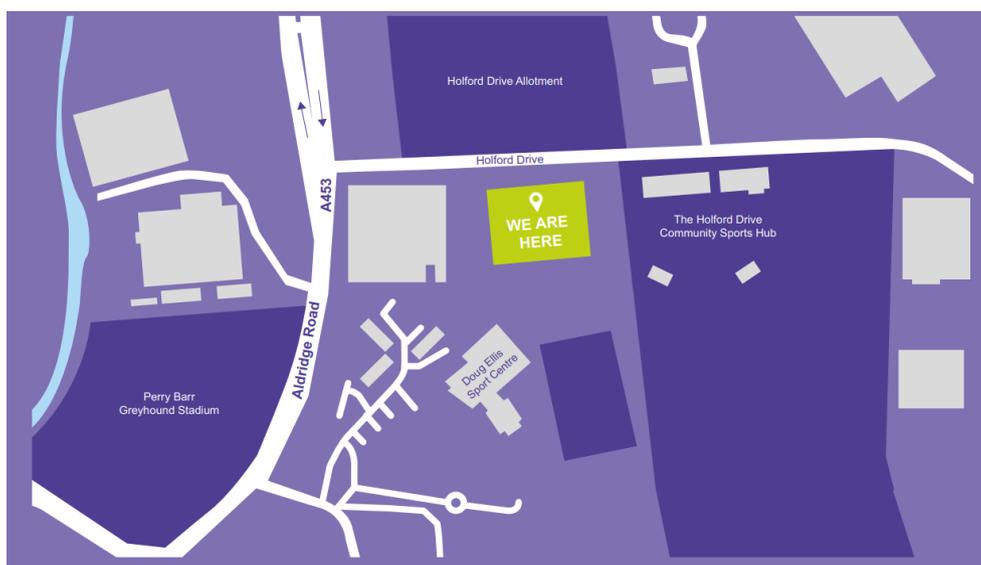
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Our philosophy

We want our school leavers to have a strong sense of purpose and for them to understand that they can benefit from society but more importantly can be a benefit to society. We want our pupils to be hard working, ambitious and resilient. They will understand their rights and responsibilities as British citizens and their role in improving their neighbourhoods and communities. They will have every opportunity to develop their emotional intelligence and decision making skills. They will develop an understanding of local, national and international issues and will have an awareness and understanding of their position as global citizens.

We have a fundamental and strongly held belief that our pupils have the potential to achieve the highest academic standards and to compete with high achieving pupils locally, nationally and internationally. Our partnership with The King Edwards Foundation and King Edwards VI Aston Grammar School in particular will ensure that our pupils are prepared academically to succeed at both GCSE and A level. We want to prepare our children for the very best job opportunities the world has to offer, to make this possible we are developing working partnerships with leading universities and businesses regionally and globally.

The success of our primary schools is built on the relationship we enjoy with our families; based on mutual trust and an understanding that we only want the very best for our pupils. Our extensive knowledge of our pupils prior to their arrival in year 7 along with the excellent pastoral care at the school will provide the pupils with a safe and supportive environment that will enable them to succeed.



Curriculum and Delivery of Learning

At PA High we will teach an engaging, thematic curriculum containing strong core standards. A thematic approach in Key Stage 3 will ensure that our pupils will learn through memorable experiences that focus on key competencies. This approach will include a high degree of academic rigour as well as developing our pupils' creativity and natural curiosity.

The school will have a strong ethos of positive attitudes to learning and pupils learning to take personal responsibility for their behaviour and conduct. PA High will see a continuation of the outstanding behaviour and attitudes displayed by pupils at PACT primary schools.

The focus on the pupils' ability to work well both independently and cooperatively in a safe and secure environment will allow them to flourish. The engaging and exciting themes will develop their love of learning whilst the focus on key competencies will lead to both academic and personal growth.

At Key Stage 4, we will follow a more traditional academic curriculum. High expectations and academic rigour coupled with excellent development and progress in the previous key stage will ensure that our pupils achieve the highest academic standards possible.

Transition

Prince Albert High School will offer a unique approach to transition for our pupils throughout their secondary education. Our thoughtfully designed building will provide a distinct home-base for year 7 & 8 pupils. Our KS3 curriculum design will enable staff to nurture excellent relationships with our pupils and families. This will provide strong foundations for our students to prosper in their secondary education.

Prince Albert Community Trusts' united approach will enable our experienced pastoral team to act as a conduit between primary to secondary education. This will ensure PA High has a comprehensive understanding of the student and their family's needs.



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Admissions

In September 2021 we have 180 spaces available for pupils in year 7. Our school will then grow organically each academic year with the school reaching its full capacity by September 2027.

Prince Albert High School will process applications outside the normal local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your local authority common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Our admissions process will open in September 2020 and the closing date for applications will be October 31st 2020.

For full details regarding our admissions process including how to apply, how places will be allocated and how people can appeal please visit: www.pahigh.co.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a free school?

Free schools are independent, state-funded schools with the same legal status as academies.

Will the school be able to make a profit?

No. The school will be run on a not-for-profit basis by the Prince Albert Community Trust. The school will be run by the Executive Head teacher, Head of School and their leadership team and they will be answerable to a Board of Trustees.

What does it mean to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education?

When an academy enters into a Funding Agreement, they effectively enter into a contract between themselves and the Secretary of State for Education. This contract, or Funding Agreement, is how academies are held accountable to the Department for Education.

Will funding the school mean there will be less money for the other mainstream provision in the area?

No. Funding for PA High School is worked out equivalent to the funding available to other mainstream schools in the area and it will not reduce the overall funding available for schools in Birmingham.



Will Prince Albert High School be inspected by Ofsted?

Yes. The school will be subject to inspection in the same way as other schools. All new schools are also inspected by Ofsted prior to the school opening and receives ongoing scrutiny from DfE.

How will the school be accountable?

The school will be run by a Local Governing Body who will be accountable to the Trustees of the Prince Albert Community Trust. In addition, PA High will be accountable to the Secretary of State for Education through the terms of its Funding Agreement. The school will, of course, be accountable day to day to parents/carers and the wider community.

Will the school promote a particular religious ethos?

No. Prince Albert High School is a mainstream non-denominational secondary.

What subjects will the school offer?

Please take a look at our example timetables which you can access on our website.

How is PACT as a primary trust going to ensure high quality secondary provision?

The Prince Albert Community Trust have a long and well established relationship with our partner secondary organisations; Shireland Collegiate Academy and the King Edward VI Grammar School. This relationship has enabled PACT to ensure we are well equipped to deliver a high quality secondary education. Our rigorous recruitment procedures will enable PA High to recruit exceptional practitioners and our experienced secondary education advisors will enable us to continually review and strengthen provision ensuring only the very best education is delivered.

When will the recruitment begin?

Jobs will be advertised from the beginning of January 2021. The recruitment process will follow normal PACT procedures in line with safer recruitment guidance.

To see more of our frequently asked questions please visit www.pahigh.co.uk



Survey

To share your views, please complete and [return our survey](#) by 2nd November 2020.

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