

The Governing Body of  
The Chauncy School  
A Visual Arts School



Promoting Student Achievement

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that The Chauncy School, Park Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 0DP intends to make a prescribed alteration to The Chauncy School, Park Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 0DP. The proposed alteration is to Change School Category from Community to Foundation from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

The Governors see Foundation Status as giving the school greater independence to maintain and improve upon the high standard of all ability education provided by the school with the continued provision of excellent teaching and learning.

Chauncy School will continue to be a 5 form entry co-educational school with an admission number of 150. We expect to have 900 students in Year 7 – 13 in September 2008, including 130 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. The school is part of the Hertford & Ware group of secondary schools and there may be proposals to alter our admission number as part of the next Local authority Review of school places.

Chauncy School will continue to be a fully inclusive school welcoming children of all faiths and abilities and educating them to a high standard.

Our catchment area includes all of Hertford & Ware and the surrounding villages. Ofsted have assessed our work with our community as Outstanding (2008).

It is our intention to retain the current admission arrangements for 2007-08 and 2008-09. Governors will review this in January 2009. Parents may appeal for a place in our over-subscribed school in accordance with existing Local Authority arrangements.

Chauncy School is a Specialist Arts College and we are currently in the process of redesignation. We meet the high performing criteria to take on a 2<sup>nd</sup> specialism and the school's preferred choice of Maths & Computing will be suggested to the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

Chauncy School will continue to be a member of the Hertford & Ware Federation of school sixth forms and Hertford Regional College offering a wide range of opportunities to students aged 16+.

Chauncy School will continue to be a member of the Hertford & Ware Secondary Heads Group which includes the five secondary schools, Pinewood School, Longmore ESC and Hertford Regional College. In addition we will continue our membership of the SAPG (14-19 education) the Extended schools Consortium, and the Sports Development Partnership.

Chauncy School will continue to offer provision as a designated PNI school (for students with Physical or Neurological Impairment) In East Herts we share this status with Broxbourne School.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comment on the proposal by sending them to the Clerk to/the Chair of the Governing Body, The Chauncy School, Park Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 0DP.

Evidence of Consultation prior to publication of these proposals:

Groups and organisations consulted:

All Students, Parents and Staff of Chauncy School  
All Feeder Schools of Chauncy School  
All East Herts Secondary schools.  
Hertford Regional College  
East Herts District Council  
Ware Town Council  
Ware Town Twinning Organisation  
All Local Members of Parliament  
Hertfordshire County Council  
Hertfordshire CSF  
Director of Education for Herts LA.  
Cambridgeshire, Essex and Enfield LAs.  
LSC - Herts  
Connexions - Herts  
GSK.  
Ware Rotary

A hard copy of the consultation document was distributed to all the above parties and was also made available on the school website. The

Headteacher addressed Ware Town Council and Simon Balle Governors on the issue of Foundation Status.

The views of people consulted:

A number of informal questions were raised concerning the operation of the school if it changed status. All parent responses were favourable to the proposal.

Ware Town Council wrote in support as did three parents. No staff objections were raised although the school did download generic advice from one professional association which wishes to keep community schools.

A Governors Consultation Evening was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March. There were no attendees.

Bob Watson	Chair of governors
Sue Browning	Clerk to the Governors