



Statutory Notice for the Proposed Changes to Age Ranges and Admissions

Start Date: 20 September 2023

End Date: 22 November 2023 at 12.00pm

Information

During 2022, Bedford Borough Council undertook an informal consultation on the proposal to replace the three-tier structure in the schools in the Wootton and Stewartby area to a two-tier structure. At the same time, Central Bedfordshire Council undertook an informal 'have your say' consultation to introduce a two-tier structure in its schools in Cranfield and Marston Moretaine. The changes if introduced would change Wootton Upper School into a secondary school.

Both Local Authorities received significant support to change the age range of schools in the area.

Central Bedfordshire Council has since undertaken its statutory consultation to introduce a two-tier structure. Wootton Academy Trust is now undertaking its own statutory consultation process to gather the views of stakeholders. WAT has sought to work in partnership with other responsible authorities on statutory consultation.

Wootton Academy Trust has developed this consultation in partnership with Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council and other local Trusts.

Our Proposal is:

That Wootton Upper School change its age range offering provision from age 11 (Year 7) to age 18/19 (Year 13) becoming known as Wootton Academy from 2026.

This Notice is an extract from the full proposal. Copies of the proposal can be viewed online at: <https://www.woottonupper.co.uk/admissions> Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by completing the online consultation [response form](#), the link to the form can also be found in the consultation document on the Wootton Upper School website.