

SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ADMISSION CONSULTATION ON OUR PLANS TO EXPAND (15th June - 13th July 2018)

We are consulting all stakeholders about our future plans to:

- help address the need for additional secondary places in the area
- further improve access for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds
- build stronger and sustainable partnerships with local primary and secondary schools
- contribute more to improved education provision across the area

We plan to increase our published admission number (PAN) from 160 to 180 from September 2020, with priority first given to students in receipt of pupil premium for the additional places.

This proposed expansion will require significant capital investment to enable us to provide the additional accommodation needed to meet our increasing numbers. In an attempt to secure additional funding, we will be submitting an application through the Selective Schools Expansion Fund. In addition to increasing our PAN we hope to extend our partnerships working with local primary and non-selective secondary schools.

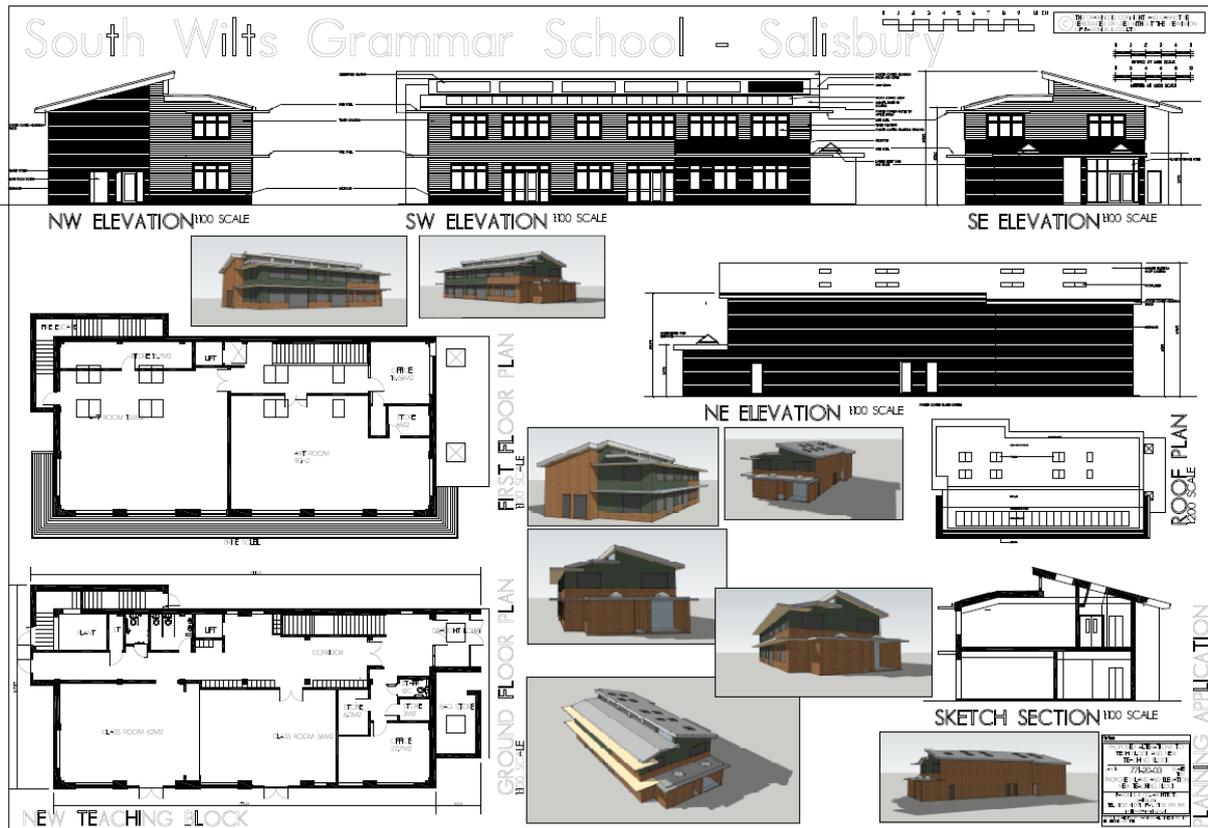
The Selective Schools Expansion Fund (SSEF) was announced by the Government in May 2018. The purpose of the SSEF is to support the expansion of selective schools where:

- there is a need for additional places, both in terms of a shortfall of secondary places in the local area and a demand from parents for more selective places; and
- schools have ambitious and realistic plans for increasing access for disadvantaged pupils (by which we mean pupils eligible for the pupil premium); and
- they have plans to work with other local schools to increase access for disadvantaged pupils and to raise attainment.

The SSEF is only available to fund proposals which will create additional places where they are needed. This means the proposal must be for an enlargement of the physical capacity of a school's buildings, which would enable an increase in its published admissions number (PAN).

Our plans for improving our accommodation

As part of our long term strategic planning we already have the planning permission required for a two storey build, replacing the former technology building (1993), which was always planned as a temporary structure. We, in 2016, rationalised and increased the footprint of the original technology building (1958) to free up this space, which included the construction of a new food technology room and graphics room. Below is the plan for the new two storey build.



This building creates two additional classrooms and allows for an additional classroom through the rationalisation of existing classrooms. The two classrooms on the first floor would be purposely designed for use by art. Currently art is located in an area not accessible by wheel chair users, this is remedied in this proposal. The long term reallocation of subject areas, into areas freed up by the relocation of art, would allow for additional science facilities to be created.

A need for additional secondary school places in Salisbury

There will be an additional need for more secondary school places in Salisbury as stated in the School Places Strategy 2017-2022 (published by Wiltshire Council). For Salisbury it is projected there will be a shortfall of 144 secondary school places in 2021 / 2022. This document also states that there will be a need to consider the expansion of grammar schools in line with the overall growth of the population.

Increasing access to our school

In addition to showing that there is a need for the school to expand, our proposals must demonstrate how we will increase further access to our school for pupils eligible for the pupil premium.

What is our current provision?

- As a school we already undertake primary outreach in maths, computing and science. In 2016-17 596 primary aged students benefitted from our outreach work.
- We offer a free familiarisation test a week prior to the 11+, where students have the opportunity to sit one practice paper (verbal reasoning), sat in the exact seat / room they will be in the following week, with the same invigilators and sixth form helpers,

this is to try to remove some of the nerves and the students to become familiar with the school

- We publicise free GL Assessment familiarisation material
- We try to reduce any barriers pupils from lower income backgrounds may face. The school funds the cost of school uniform, the cost of curriculum based visits and part subsidises access to music lessons for those students in receipt of pupil premium.
- Pupils in receipt of pupil premium and service premium are given priority in our oversubscription criteria.

Our future plans

We propose from September 2020 to change our admission policy.

1. To increase the published admission number for Year 7 to 180 (currently 160)
2. To prioritise the additional 20 places for students in receipt of pupil premium (deprivation / looked after) funding, by creating a qualifying score 3% lower than the cut off score. For more information, please refer to our draft admission policy
3. The school will move from a five form entry to a six form entry, with classes of 30.

We plan to continue and further develop our outreach programme

- To further open up our primary outreach to Year 3
- To widen the subjects we offer for primary outreach
- We plan to look into the option of becoming more flexible about the dates, times and locations of tests to enable a greater number of disadvantaged children to be able to sit them.
- We would like to further develop our students as ambassadors for the school, developing opportunities for volunteering
- We would like to develop opportunities for sixth formers and / or staff going into primary schools with higher numbers of pupil premium pupils to offer mentoring or support in key skills (e.g. literacy, numeracy);
- We would plan to host events, targeted initially at those students in receipt of pupil premium
- We would like to work with primary schools to help address any negative perceptions or concerns parents might have
- We would like to open up our specialist facilities, when possible, for primary schools to access

We would like to hear your views

Please write to us with your views on our proposals. In particular, we would like to hear from you about the following:

1. Do you support our plans for expansion to increase our published admission number to 180 from September 2020?
2. Do you support our plans to create a qualifying score, lower than the 11+ cut off score for pupils in receipt of pupil premium (deprivation / looked after children)?

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