

Where can I find out more?

We will have information and updates on our website www.fakenhamacademy.org.uk as well as displays in the School and in Fakenham Library. We propose holding Open Days and also a Farwell Day to the Wells Road site as we know many local people and ex-students will want to have a last look around. These will be in the Summer term between Easter and the end of July. Details will be in the local press closer to the time.

Got a question not covered here?

Students and prospective students, parents and prospective parents are all being sent this leaflet. We welcome all feedback and questions on these plans, and students and staff will be able to have their say on their preferred options for aspects of the design. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the plans, please contact the Principal, Matthew Parr-Burman, on the contact details below.

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We are very confident that this is the right thing to do and is a huge statement of TEN Group's long-term commitment to the Academy through this investment into the local area. Fakenham Academy is a Good school with record high results for each of the past four years. By moving onto one site we will secure these improvements for the future and provide an even better education for our students in a financially responsible way.



Got a question?

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FAKENHAM SIXTH FORM

AN EXCITING NEW START FOR FAKENHAM SIXTH FORM





New look corridor in the Perowne Building linking Sixth Form teaching and social spaces.



Design for the new Library Resource Centre for Fakenham Sixth Form students.

Fakenham College is moving in September 2017. It is moving to the main academy site on Field Lane. As part of the move it will be renamed Fakenham Sixth Form. Initially there will be three quarters of a million pounds of investment into the Field Lane site from the Academy sponsor, Transforming Education in Norfolk (the TEN Group).

What this will mean for September 2017?

For September 2017 all Sixth Form teaching will move from the existing Wells Road site to Field Lane. Students will have a dedicated Sixth Form area including a refurbished work study space, canteen facilities just for Sixth Form students and 10 classrooms solely for Sixth Form teaching - based in two thirds of the current Perowne building. Science classrooms are being refurbished specifically for Sixth Form use. There will also be dedicated parking spaces for Sixth Formers and a main entrance just for Sixth Form use.

Why is this happening?

We recognise that for many the Wells Road site has been a landmark educational facility. Unfortunately, despite the grandeur of the buildings the fabric of the accommodation is simply financially unsustainable as an educational institution and each year the suitability of the site deteriorates.

By moving teaching to Field Lane it provides us with an opportunity to create a Sixth Form facility which is fit for purpose and contemporary. Also, there will be no staff and student movements between sites - this will

save time and enable the quality of teaching which is already good to be even better. With all the facilities on one site it will mean cost savings that can be passed on to students in the form of improved resources and facilities.

What about as the Academy expands over the next few years?

For the next three years the Academy and Sixth Form will be able to deliver all teaching in the newly refurbished spaces. We predict that from 2020 there will need to be an expansion of facilities on the Field Lane site and this development will help us do this. As Fakenham town itself is growing with over 1,000 new houses being built in the next ten years the timing to expand the site is just right. North Norfolk District Council are aware of our plans and are supportive.

What will happen to the Wells Road site?

Academies and Academy trusts don't own the buildings or the land, these still belong to the County Council. We will be working with the County Council to ensure the site is initially secured and kept safe and then it is likely it will be developed over the coming years.

But I really like the old buildings and they have been around for years?

What makes a good school into a great school is a myriad of factors: great teaching, a high level of staffing expertise, a level of care that goes beyond just delivering the basics and also the environment in which students are taught are all undoubtedly key. Many of us love the old buildings on Wells Road and they have a lot of history that is important. But in our hearts we know the old buildings are not the best in which to deliver a modern education. Having cold rooms at times and leaking windows is not an environment in which we should expect our young people to learn.

Are there any advantages of Sixth Form teaching moving to the Field Lane site?

Yes there are many. There will be increased teaching time as currently up to an hour a day teaching time is lost moving between sites. There will be no inter-site travel for the staff. There will be no student movement between sites which is much safer for students. Students in the Sixth Form will also have better access to facilities such as music, sport, drama. Sixth formers can support school students in the roles of ambassadors. There will be more chance for Sixth Form students to support subjects in the school. Finally the presence of Sixth Form students in the school should have a positive impact on younger students and an increased awareness of the Sixth Form for younger students and parents.



If our bid to the Education Funding Agency is successful, the Field Lane site could benefit from three brand new buildings and full refurbishment of the existing DT building - shown in orange on this map.

Are other improvements to the Field Lane teaching facilities planned?

Yes. Our sponsor the TEN Group is supporting the Academy financially in the next two years as the refurbishments of existing buildings on Field Lane continues. The TEN Group is working hard with the Education Funding Agency to secure a further investment in order to redevelop the buildings on the site. If successful, this could lead to three new buildings: a new Technology block, new Science spaces and a whole new Sixth Form block at the front of the site. (See site plan above).

What about car parking and vehicle movements?

For many years the school and college had over 1,200 students. Currently there are around 800 students. Even with the proposed expansions the Field Lane site will not go beyond taking 1,100 students and this will probably take 5-10 years to get to these numbers. There will not be any more school buses than there are now. Because staff and students will all be on one site there should be fewer vehicle movements in future, rather than more. There is sufficient parking space on the Field Lane site at the moment to accommodate the changes.