



ELLIS GUILFORD
A PROPOSED
CREATIVE EDUCATION TRUST
ACADEMY

THE PROPOSAL TO CONVERT
ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
TO ACADEMY STATUS
ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

OUR PAST

Ellis Guilford is a school with a rich history and a unique place as part of the educational landscape in the city of Nottingham. There has been a school on the Bar Lane site since the late 1920s and many generations of our local community were educated here. The current school, formed in the 1960s by the merger of the Ellis School for Boys and the Guilford School for Girls, takes students from the Basford and Aspley areas of Nottingham. Ellis Guilford is proud to be a community school and we remain popular and over-subscribed, drawing the majority of our intake from seven local partner primary schools who we have developed close links with through our excellent transition programme. We gained Sports College status in 2003 and had the honour of hosting the Olympic Torch for London 2012.



OUR PRESENT

We have made improvements across many areas of the school, securing a good Ofsted judgement in 2015. However, we know that our outcomes do not yet reflect our aspirations and we must rapidly accelerate the progress of our learners. By becoming an Academy, sponsored by the Creative Education Trust (CET), we hope to secure an even brighter future for Ellis Guilford and move the school into the next phase of development.

We are committed to retaining our inclusive ethos; promoting tolerance and respect for all and celebrating the fact that our students come from such diverse backgrounds. We will continue to offer a wide range of enrichment activities in sport, the Arts, outdoor education and debating. By joining CET, our students and staff will be part of a family of schools who work closely together to devise innovative curriculum projects, which capture students' skills, abilities and interests.

The CET approach of developing links with industry will really benefit our students. By delivering both academic and vocational courses, together with work related learning, we can develop employability skills and effectively prepare them for Post 16 progression.

OUR FUTURE

Our vision is to create an outstanding learning environment where the whole school community lives up to our motto 'Be Your Best'. By working with CET we believe that we can drive the necessary improvements and ensure our learners achieve their true potential. We believe that CET is an excellent fit for Ellis Guilford as we have a shared philosophy around providing a broad and balanced curriculum with a focus on the creative subjects. CET's mantra of 'Knowledge Connected' supports the work of our Discovery Curriculum in KS3 and our Chromebook strategy and we believe that, with their sponsorship, Ellis Guilford can continue on its journey to even greater success.



This is an exciting time for Ellis Guilford and we hope that our stakeholders can see that by working with the Creative Education Trust we can build a positive legacy for future generations of young people in the local community and beyond.

Dr Sally Coulton – Headteacher
Mrs Sara Gadzik – Chair of Governors

WELCOME FROM CET



We are delighted to have been asked to sponsor Ellis Guilford School to academy status. At the Creative Education Trust we believe that by teaching young people to be creative, enterprising, practical, self-confident and adaptable we can put them on the path

to economic independence, and enable them to contribute to the growth of the UK as a competitive, creative economy with innovation and entrepreneurial business at its heart. At our Academies we ensure that every pupil is involved in practical creativity, but also in creative learning across the curriculum – teaching academic subjects in a creative way. We aim for the Academy to be outstanding. We also want to work closely with other schools and the local authority to ensure every one of our pupils has the best opportunities to succeed. We set out some of our ideas in this leaflet and hope to hear from you how we can make them even better.

Marc Jordan, Chief Executive, CET.

LEARNING FOR THE 21st CENTURY

Academies are high-performing schools designed to meet the needs of young people in the 21st century. They are non-fee paying schools and independent of the Local Authority, but publicly funded by the Government and inspected by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted).

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The proposed Academy would remain a local school at the heart of the community. It would adopt existing Nottingham City Council admissions policy and catchment area. Details of the admissions process and arrangements are available on the Nottingham City Council website.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We really want to hear what local young people, parents, carers and the community think about the proposed new Academy. Consultation events are planned at the school for the following dates:

- Wednesday 19 September at 3:30pm, for all staff
- Wednesday 19 September at 5:30pm, for all parents and the public
- Wednesday 26 September from 3:30 to 5:30pm, for an informal drop-in session for parents, local community and staff to ask any questions.

Your comments will help us work out the best way to move forwards. Send us your views on the tear-off slip below or online at: ellisguilfordschool.co.uk

The final date for letting us know is 19 October 2018. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

SUMMARY

The proposal is for Ellis Guilford School to convert to an Academy by 1st November 2018. We will create an environment where learning is valued, improving the life-chances of its pupils, and will result in considerable and far reaching improvements for the whole of the local community in a way no other project could.

CONTACT US

For information on any aspect of this consultation please contact us at the school on 0115 913 1338 or email us at: consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk



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ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL ACADEMY PROPOSAL

Are you a:

- Student at Ellis Guilford School?
- Parent or carer of a student at Ellis Guilford School?
- Member of staff at Ellis Guilford School?
- Local resident?
- Other?

Do you agree that the school should become an Academy?

- Yes
- No

Additional comments – please tell us how you think the Academy could be even better for you and the area.

PLEASE REPLY BY 19 OCTOBER 2018

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