

Admissions Consultation

Skipton Girls' High School, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1QL

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What is this consultation about?

The **directors** of Northern Star Academies Trust are consulting on the Trusts intention to:

- change Skipton Girls' High School Determined Admission arrangements for entry in September 2018 to give higher priority in the oversubscription criteria to 'disadvantaged' students who have met the qualifying standard.
- permanently expand Skipton Girls' High School to a five-form entry from September 2018: this would be dependent upon receiving Government capital funding to improve and expand the existing accommodation and provision.

Context:

Skipton Girls High School (SGHS) is an oversubscribed and high-achieving (both in terms of attainment and progress) state supported selective 11-18 school providing a free education. As an Academy, Skipton Girls' High School's Local Governing Body is the school's Admission Authority and is operated by Northern Star Academies Trust, an exempt charity regulated by the Secretary of State for Education.

The Trust is highly ambitious for the young people that it educates and thus wishes to provide them with state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose accommodation and learning facilities. The proposal to expand SGHS shows the Trust's commitment to maximizing the educational opportunity of young people in the local area and so have a positive impact on their achievements and life chances.

Timetable:

7th November 2016
Consultation opens

16th December 2016
Consultation closes

What to do next:

The directors welcome responses to this consultation, either by email to sghs@sghs.org.uk or in writing to:

**Mr H Cutler: Chair of Governors/
NSAT Director**

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The consultation closes on **Friday 16th December 2016**. All responses received by this date will be considered by the directors.



Skipton Girls' High School proposed expansion

In each of the last three years more than 250 girls from across Craven, Bradford and Lancashire have 'opted in' to sit the 11+ selection test with approximately 170 of these students reaching the qualifying standard. Demand for places at the school remains high, even after allocation and the number of Admission Appeals has risen year on year.

The Academy currently has an agreed Published Admission Number (PAN) of 116 students for September entry into Year 7. For September 2017, we will admit above our PAN and offer 140 places. This will apply for one year only.

We are now beginning the consultation process in order to permanently increase our PAN to 140, from September 2018; this is dependent on the receipt of an EFA Condition Improvement Grant to expand and develop the existing school accommodation and provision.

The proposed changes to the PAN will not increase class size, vertical tutor groups will increase by one or two students and remain under 28 in size. Similarly, the size of teaching groups will be managed with careful consideration given to every subject and suitable learning space.

Skipton Girls' High School Admission Arrangements

In addition, we wish to propose a change to the Admissions Arrangements for entry in Years 7-11. In the event of there being more applicants that meet the qualifying standard than places available, we would give the highest priority to disadvantaged students. This includes those students looked after by the local authority and/or those who have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years (also known as Ever 6 FSM) and for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

Our proposed Admissions Policy for 2018 can be found on our school website.

The consultation window opens on Monday 7th November and will close on Friday 16th December 2016 at 4pm. Should you wish to submit any correspondence regarding the proposed changes to the proposed school expansion or the Determined Admissions arrangements please do so to sghs@sghs.org.uk or in writing to Mr H Cutler: CoG/ NSAT Director, Skipton Girls' High School, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1QL