

<b>HIGHLIGHT REPORT</b>			<b>Ref</b>	NG/01/10
<b>Project</b>	Laverstock Schools	<b>Stage</b>	Post EOI	
<b>From</b>	Nov 2009	<b>To</b>	Jan 2010	

### Key points for this period

- EOI not approved by DCSF as the Catholic Sponsor did not sign the document.
- DCSF have deleted this proposal from their list of projects – no money being allocated to the Laverstock campus for developments.
- Dauntsey's School informed of that the Academy will not go ahead.
- Press releases about the new academy not going ahead were published.
- 3 Governors and the Headteachers of the three schools met with LA in attendance.
- Meeting agreed that status quo could not remain with ideas for further collaboration.
- Chairs of Governors agreed to meet to discuss further – this meeting took place just before the Christmas recess but there has been no feedback from it to the LA.
- LA meeting with three Headteachers – next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.
- LA has deployed a member of the secondary team to support collaborative work across the site – curriculum, teaching and learning.
- Local National Challenge Board (LA, DCSF and National Strategies) has met to ask questions of LA intentions to secure sustainable progress and attainment at St Josephs – as the National Challenge School.
- Governors at Wyvern have convened a meeting to discuss their building stock, the financial position and the appointment of a permanent Principal.

### Problems – current or potential

- Significant concerns about state of buildings and potential LA liabilities especially at Wyvern and to a lesser extent St Edmunds.
- Concerns about the financial sustainability of Wyvern College.
- Concerns about the sustainability of levels of achievement at Wyvern College and St Josephs Catholic School. St Josephs have had considerable financial support from DCSF as a National Challenge School which they have used to enhance staffing. This will not be available in the next academic year.
- The LA secondary improvement team have devolved a considerable amount of Adviser and consultant time and expertise in supporting the schools to raise achievement in Wyvern and St Josephs and with public spending cuts this may not be available in the future.
- The numbers of students that choose Wyvern for 2010 entry is unclear because of 11 plus exam but first choice numbers are lower than previous years, at present 36. This figure could mean staffing redundancies and a further cut in the curriculum available.
- There remains no answer to the strategic direction of education on the site beyond the tentative agreement that there should be further collaboration between the three schools. At the moment the schools share teaching and learning of one KS4 choice across the site – there are discussions to increase this for the next cohort in 2010.
- No money has been allocated by the LA or the two Dioceses to develop the site.
- The DCSF are expecting the LA, with the Diocese of Clifton and the Governors of the school, to formulate a sustainable plan for the future of the students at St Joseph's Catholic school. As the previous plan is now not going to take place there is an expectation to develop another answer. There are 4 options to consider:
  1. No change; which the Govs, the Diocese and the LA are all judging is not an option.
  2. A 'soft federation' (collaboration) with Wyvern and St. Edmunds, – sharing facilities and option choices.
  3. A trust between 'local' catholic schools in the LA and beyond.
  4. A mixture of points 2 and 3 above.
- Now that there has been a decision on the West Salisbury Academy at the Salisbury High School site this will have implications for the Laverstock schools. There maybe a drift of students by parental choice to the new Academy once the new building and facilities are seen.

### Achievements for next period

- A clear agreement between the LA, the two dioceses and the Governors about the strategic direction of the schools and education on the site.
- The LA and the two Dioceses to meet to debrief the Academy plan and to form a strategic plan for development of the Laverstock site.
- Continue to develop the collaboration between the schools
  - shared school day
  - widening the joint KS4 curriculum
  - shared IT network e.g. through Merlin
  - joint reporting and tracking procedures
  - joint timetabling to share groups and expertise e.g. in maths, science
- Agreement about size of the deficit budget and recovery plan at Wyvern
- Agreement on what building programme is to be funded by the Diocese at Wyvern to secure the site.
- Agreement over the staff redundancies at Wyvern
- Principal appointment at Wyvern process timetable to be agreed and then scheduled – by the end of February 2010.

### Other

- DCSF have offered to meet LA to discuss any further opportunities or solutions.

**Signed – Laverstock Campus  
lead**

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