



Devonport
High School
For Boys

Post-16 Capacity Fund Application
Devonport High School for Boys
Statutory Consultation Document

Consultation ends
9.00am on 7 November 2022

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Purpose of the consultation

Devonport High School for Boys Academy Trust wants to hear the views of the local community on:

- The proposed enlargement of Devonport High School for Boys by 30 places at Post-16 starting in September 2024.

At the 2021 Spending Review the Government committed to additional capital investment to ensure that post-16 providers can accommodate the expected demographic increase in 16 to 19-year-olds.

The core objectives of the post-16 capacity fund are:

- to provide additional capacity in 16-19 providers, where there is due to be a demographic increase in learners in September 2024 and there is not enough existing capacity to accommodate that increase;
- to ensure that provision to be delivered through the additional space developed meets local and national skills requirements and is reflective of learner demand; and
- to do so in the most efficient and sustainable way possible, to ensure value for money in the investment of public funds, and to support the Government’s target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008.

Devonport High School for Boys as an eligible post-16 institution has been invited to bid to the Department for Education for capital funding to support these objectives.

Why are more school places needed at Post-16 in this area?

Region (as of April 2021)	Upper tier LA (as of April 2021)	Local authority district (as of April 2021)	2022 population	Peak year growth (Year)	Peak year growth (Numbers)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
South West	Plymouth	Plymouth	5576	2028	1106	429	535	540	808	1106	1047	739
				% above 2022	20%	8%	10%	10%	14%	20%	19%	13%

This means the Plymouth Local Authority (LA) at its peak will need an additional 1,106 post-16 spaces than we have now.

Plymouth is in the second highest decile for growth compared to all other LAs in five of seven years and third highest in the remaining two years.

The average growth decile over these seven years puts Plymouth fourth largest out of 30 LAs in the South West.

The average growth decile over these seven years puts Plymouth 42nd largest out of 309 LAs in England

The school catchment area also includes parts of Devon and Cornwall (aproximately 30% of the current school intake is from these areas) these areas are also showing an increase in demand.

As a result, if the school increases the number of additional students by 30 places in the future we would be taking a proportionate increase as all post-16 providers will need to do to accommodate the extra spaces required.

The population projections for local areas provided by the government area available at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/post-16-capacity-fund>

How will the school improve?

The school will look to convert current accommodation into additional classrooms needed and as part of our strategic capital works plan this will provide an excellent opportunity to improve the facilities and accommodation for all our students and future students within the existing footprint of the school. It will also support the local community to provide additional capacity for students at post-16.

How will the school grow?

Due to the changes of use to some of the school's current buildings we would be able to accommodate 30 additional Year 12 students from September 2024, see the data projections for the local population above.

How will the proposed growth affect the children currently on roll?

As outlined above, students currently on roll will benefit from improved accommodation and specialist facilities appropriate for the current curriculum. Some lessons take place in classrooms which are smaller than modern dimensions; the capacity to extend some accommodation will provide a better learning experience for students and a more energy-efficient, positive working environment for students and staff.

How do I make my views known?

Please send your views by email or post by 9.00am on 7 November 2022 to:-

- headteacher@dhsb.org or
- Post-16 Capacity Fund Consultation
Devonport High School for Boys
Paradise Road
Plymouth
PL1 5QP
- Attend the public consultation session at Devonport High School for Boys on Tuesday 1 November at 4.30pm. Please register your attendance by contacting us at headteacher@dhsb.org and we will send you the joining instructions closer to the event.

All views received will be considered by Devonport High School for Boys Academy Trust.