

Present: Julie Holmes (SOP), Rosalie Phillips (SOP), Jo Phillips (SOP), Jo Kemp (Fitzalan High School)

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting.

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	A number of queries were raised by the School Council as set out below.	
	P - What will access to the new site be like? JH outlined details of proposed pedestrian access; looking to have route through existing Fitzalan High School site, controlled crossings and traffic calming measures.	
	P - Will there be a new curriculum? JH - the school currently delivers a broad and bespoke curriculum and will be looking to match the needs of pupils with possible opportunities for outside learning.	
	P - Will there be more water fountains? JH - there will be a number of fountains across the site and will look at options.	
	P - How will the new school improve learning? JH - there is a tangible link between the quality of buildings and learning; good learning environments improve teaching.	
	P – sheltered areas outside for eating/learning would be good.	
	P – circulation and flow of pupils is important. JH – will look at the follow of pupils around the school and having teaching spaces adjacent to each other; flexible circulation spaces will also be looked at.	
	P – will the new school be Eco Friendly JH – sustainable building in line with BREAM requirements; locally sources material where possible, breathable building systems, solar panels as part of the new build.	
	P – would like solar panels, bins and notices indicating the location of bins in order to encourage recycling.	
	P – there should be site maps around the school so that you know where you are; these could be put in school planners also.	
	P – subject areas could be zoned.	



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	P – would like a modern building with large windows.	,
	P – will timetables be linked to where classes are based? JH – will look at this.	
	P – will there be a lift for wheelchair users? JH – yes, the school will be fully accessible.	
	P – how many canteens will there be? JH – the Welsh Government provide funding for one main servery; working with the school to provide as many areas as possible. Would you sit outside under a canopy even if it was raining? P – yes.	
	P – people could get stuck in the lifts. JH – there would be a process for this; lifts would be for specific users and could not be used in the event of a fire.	
	P – would there be separate rooms for changing? JH – there would be male and female changing areas; disable access for changing also.	
	JH – how about lockers? P – there would need to be enough for everyone and if they were all is the same place this could be an issue. P – could have lockers in classrooms and lockers in the sixth form area. P – would be good to have lockers.	
	JH – does everyone understand where the school would be? P – yes	
	P – how many entrances would there be? JH – one main reception area with walking routes through the site.	
	P – how many buildings would there be? JH – don't know yet; five different contractors who will look at this. The Head want sixth form to be integrated and likes the idea of one building; Cardiff West Community High School is three buildings.	
	P – what will happen to the current site? JH – the site will be disposed of.	
	P – concerned about having a separate pool and sports hall and the time it would take to get there and back. JH – would look to make time as limited as possible.	
	P – will there be enough toilets?	



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	JH – there will be enough toilets spread around the building.	
	P – what about school buses? JH – looking to continue existing service.	
	P – would like a closed bike shed. JH – there would be a minimum of 300 bike hoops and safe storage on site.	
	P – what about assembly areas? JH – the Welsh Government will fund a large hall, dining hall, activity studio, drams studio; looking to have flexible spaces.	
	P – what about ICT JH – ICT strategy developed as part of project; looking to have lots of wifi enabled IT; need to be flexible to allow for changing curriculum/technology.	
	P – where will exams be? JH – will be in school but not sure where.	
	P – the price of food in the canteen needs to be lower. JH – talking to the governing body about this.	
	P – would like to have a wider menu. JH – looking at this within Healthy Eating remit.	
	P – would like different areas for different food and more vegetarian options?	
	P – will clubs still run? JH – yes	
	P – would like different key stages to eat at different times.	
	P – classrooms need to allow for different ages. JH – minimum classroom size 60 square metres and will look at size of furniture. JK – would like a mix of standardised classrooms and flexible learning spaces.	
	P – how big will the corridors be? JH – will be considered as part of design process during which there will be opportunities for pupils to be involved.	
	P – are colours set? JH – will work with pupils to look at this.	



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	JH advised that any queries were to be directed via Heads of Years, thanked the pupils for their input and the session ended.	