

Jewish Community Secondary School

Notice is given that The Jewish Community Secondary School Trust, Palladium House, 1-4 Argyll Street, London W1F 7LD intends to establish a New Voluntary Aided School under section 10(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. The Secretary of State's consent has been obtained in order to publish this proposal.

It is proposed that the school will open on 01 September 2010.

The school will be situated at Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet, Herts, EN4 8PU

The school will serve the Jewish community and the local community in London Borough of Barnet and adjoining Boroughs

The school will be a truly inclusive school, open on an equal basis to all Jewish children, irrespective of birth status or synagogue affiliation and with due respect for differing traditions, beliefs and practices. The teaching of Judaism will be a fundamental element of the school and will respect all strands and traditions of faith. The school will offer unparalleled educational excellence at all levels within a unique Jewish ethos, augmented by the teaching of wider multiculturalism. It will include provision of information and communications technology throughout the curriculum. In partnership with Norwood, a leading Jewish educational and children's charity, an integral, specialist Special Resource Provision will provide a total of 50 places for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders across the age range of the school. The school will also welcome members of other faiths and of no faith subject to places being available once the demand from Jewish applicants has been met.

The proposed school will have a Jewish religious character and it is confirmed that the proposer intends to ask the Secretary of State to designate the school as a school with such a religious character.

It is proposed that the school will specialise in Science and Technology and an application will be made to the Secretary of State to be a specialist school following implementation

In addition to the core activity of the school, it is intended that the school facilities will be made available, where practical in line with planning conditions, to the local community and to the Jewish community.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of 11 and 19 and provide places for 1310 boys and girls. 360 places will be for sixth form pupils.

Subject to external constraints on the building programme, the admission number for the school on the opening date will be 180. The school will open with an entry at Year 7 only and will build year by year admitting 180 pupils in each year of entry plus pupils admitted to the SRP by virtue of the school being named in their statements of special educational needs.

The Special Resource Provision providing a total of 50 places for pupils across the age range of the school with autistic spectrum disorders.

First priority for admission to the school will be given to Jewish children, defined as children of parents who are members of or qualified to be members of a recognised synagogal body including but not limited to, the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues in Great Britain, the Movement for Reform Judaism, the Federation of Synagogues and the United

Synagogue. Thereafter, priority will be given to non-Jewish children whose parents can demonstrate commitment to a faith or involvement in recognised religious activities Any places remaining available will be allocated to any other applicants. The over-subscription criteria are shown in the detailed admission arrangements and copies may be obtained from the Administrator

Pupils will come to the school on foot, by local buses and trains to Network Rail and Underground stations near the school. We are undertaking to bring in students by coach using a "park and stride" scheme where students will be dropped off 10 minutes walk from the school. Other measures will be taken to restrict the impact of parent transport on the immediate locality of the school.

Copies of the complete proposal and of the detailed admissions arrangements may be obtained by applying in writing to The Administrator, Jewish Community Secondary School Trust, c/o Stone King Sewell, 16 St John's Lane, London EC1M 4BS ref RG or by email to rg@skslaw.co.uk and from the Trust's website at www.jcoss.org

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to The Director of Children's Services, London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP. .

Signed : Michael Phillips

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