

Macclesfield Town School Re-Organisation

Part One - Cheshire East Council Options for Change

1. Closure of Macclesfield High School and Expansion of Tytherington High School. (Option A)
2. To establish a Macclesfield Academy involving Macclesfield High School and another local high school. (Option B)
3. No change (Option C)
4. The establishment of a single Trust working across the high schools in Macclesfield. (Option D)
5. Creation of a 3-19 all-through school, integrating a local primary school on the Macclesfield High School site. (Option E)
6. Re-launch of Macclesfield High School as a Specialist Vocational/'Technical' School (Option F)
7. Closure of Macclesfield High School and redistribution of pupils across the remaining secondary schools. (Option G)
8. Use of Macclesfield High School site for Post 16 provision for the whole town (Option H)
9. Current Macclesfield high schools each lose one form entry to Macclesfield High School. (Option I)

Option J (*your views*) listed below

Part Two – Responses to Consultation – Option J (Your Views)

10. The expansion of Tytherington High School and closure of Macclesfield High School. Tytherington High School to comprise:

- Tytherington High School North (Manchester Road) and
- Tytherington High School South (Park Lane).

Each site teaches years 7 to 11 to those children in their catchment areas. (Tytherington High School South pupils will not attend the north site and visa versa). The 6th form college would only exist on Tytherington High School South site. Taking away 6th form students from the Tytherington High School North site would increase the total number of pupils at the Tytherington High School South site.

11. Tytherington High School and Macclesfield High School form a hard federation with one governing body having full financial control of sites, benefiting from economies of shared resources, shared specialist facilities, shared teaching staff. Positive marketing and public relations of Macclesfield High School. Separate shared sixth form between Tytherington High School and Macclesfield High School, to be located at LZ6. Subject to securing capital investment on Tytherington High School site for its 7 - 11 students.

12. Macclesfield High School closure. Part/Full Macclesfield High School site to be used for Cheshire East Special Educational Needs Provision for Secondary SEN and Autistic Spectrum Condition.

Additional surplus space (capacity) could also be allocated for the use of Park Lane Special School. Students of the High School should be divided between the 3 remaining high schools i.e. Tytherington High School, Fallibroome High School and All Hallows Catholic College, as with numbers falling in birth rate this could be managed in two years time, with minimal disruption.

(In addition: Cease Admissions to Macclesfield High School from 2011 to phase in with Y8&9 pupils to be transferred to alternative schools early to avoid disruption to GCSE course). If Tytherington High School expands to 2 sites (as per Option A), only part site would be used for Special Education Needs with access to LZ, vocational opportunities and mainstream classes

13. Put a cap on entry into Macclesfield High School (i.e. propose closure: phasing out all existing year groups) and run the school from Tytherington High School to ensure access to curriculum. Allow the other three High Schools to increase their intake by one form, empty Macclesfield High School building to be used for Special Education Need provision. If Tytherington High School needs capital investment on the site then they should receive it regardless.

14. Consider a public/private partnership federation (possibly with King's school) using the Tytherington High School campus, transferring pupils from Macclesfield High School to Tytherington High School/Kings.

15. A single 6th form located on the LZ6 campus but in an effort to offer greater flexibility at post 16 education, the college undertakes a feasibility study to the opening of a Construction/Tradesmen type training college offering City & Guilds level training and qualification in Brick laying, Electrical, Carpentry/Joiners, Painting and Decorating, Plumbers etc making it a Cheshire centre of excellence for the building trade and associated companies.

16. Macclesfield College acquires Macclesfield High School surplus accommodation for greater provision of Technology & Science Specialism

17. Integration of the town's sixth forms together on one site.

18. Macclesfield High School problems to be fixed at Macclesfield High School. Mothball redundant classrooms; reduce staffing numbers to suit the expected pupil intake.

19. Make Macclesfield High School attractive with new management and a new core focus.

20. Appoint a 'Super-Head'. Financial 'incentives and rewards' for a successful head from a neighbouring high school. They will adopt the role of

'super head' to set up and guide a new leader/management team to run the schools to raise their standards.

- 21.** Use the state of the art purpose built premises of Macclesfield High School as the main school in Macclesfield to accept new form entries from the other schools.
- 22.** Close Tytherington High School and with high quality leadership make Macclesfield High School the best school in the Cheshire East.
- 23.** Demolish Tytherington High School and send pupils to Poynton High School and to Macclesfield High School.
- 24.** Close Macclesfield High School and expand Fallibroome High School and All Hallows Catholic College.
- 25.** Create a "super" primary school out of the Macclesfield High School.
- 26.** A school specialising in Science and Technology would be an asset to Macclesfield - Ground breaking educational (vocational diploma) course at the new Macclesfield Technical High School.
- 27.** Close Macclesfield High School. Create a Free school under group/parent leadership on the Macclesfield High School site.
- 28.** Close MHS. Establish a University Technical College on the site of the MHS.
- 29.** Fallibroome High School federation with Macclesfield High School. Macclesfield High School ceases to be foundation school and would federate with Fallibroome Academy specialising in vocational learning and Visual/Media arts. Governance would become the responsibility of Fallibroome Academy Trust under direction of an executive Head with Heads of school on each site.
- 30.** Reduce Macclesfield High School accommodation to meet current capacity. Expand the Park Lane Special School to include the surplus accommodation relinquished following the reduction. Locate Secondary aged pupils from Park Lane Special School in the 'shared' site building, leaving Park Lane Special School to expand their capacity for infant and primary aged pupils.
- 31.** Close Macclesfield High School and open an Academy with a reduced capacity.
- 32.** With another school, open an Academy with a reduced capacity – on the Macclesfield High School site.
- 33.** Hard Federation with another school, reduction in capacity at Macclesfield High School.

34. Macclesfield High School to remain open. Appoint an outstanding management team. Address surplus places by LA objecting to Fallibroome Academy Admission arrangements re: PAN, thus reducing its intake to 7FE (from 8FE).

35. Close Macclesfield High School. In partnership with Macclesfield College open a new 11-16 high school (with a reduced capacity) within the old Macclesfield High School buildings in September 2011. Macclesfield College appoints a Head teacher. Fully integrate the Macclesfield High School Sixthform in to the LZ6. Macclesfield College Corporation would become the Governing Body of the new school.

36. Carry out a merger / arrangement with All Hallows which is acceptable in legal terms within the Macclesfield High School catchment Area (following a review of Macclesfield catchment areas)

37. Create a Centre of Excellence for Teachers – to create an environment where both teachers and students reach the highest possible standards. Single contact centre for health and educational professionals ie speech & language, OT, etc... Also a training centre for teachers from mainstream schools.

38. Merge Tytherington High School & Macclesfield High School as one split-site school. Teach age 11-16 cohorts on each site. Remove the Sixth form provision at the Tytherington site, with a shared 6th form at the Macclesfield High Site.

Two further options emerged through discussion with other stakeholders which went beyond the informal consultation period of the 8 October 2010. Both those options were evaluated against the Evaluation Criteria.

39. The Fallibroome Academy option is a variation of an option 29. The school would become part of Fallibroome's bid to become a 'Teaching School' and have a distinct identity as a specialist centre of Vocational excellence, with particular emphasis of the creative and media arts. This would require the creation of a new 'Two-Academy' model requiring Macclesfield High School closure and reopening as an 11-18 Academy under the Governance of the Fallibroome Academy Trust. The Trust having overall governance control and developing a number of specialist centres for pastoral support, staff development and ICT.

The new school would initially have a PAN of 150, the sixth form would become part of the Fallibroome Sixth Form which would operate on both sites to the Fallibroome standards including dress code. This would require a negotiated acquisition of the LZ6 building from the College or successful negotiated access to the College building to deliver the Fallibroome Sixth Form provision.

The Fallibroome Academy feel that this proposal would realise a small reduction of surplus places and that parental preference would determine the

number on roll in the other High Schools. The Fallibroome Trust would bid directly to the DfE for funds to expand the post-16 provision at Fallibroome

40. The Macclesfield College of Further Education option is a variation of original option 2. The school would close and immediately re-open as a new 11-16 Academy with a PAN of 120, with the College as sponsor and deliverer of the current post-16 provision on the site. Macclesfield College is an Associate College of Manchester Metropolitan University who would provide additional expertise from their Institute of Education to ensure that high academic standards are achieved.