

A collage of images showcasing the school environment. It includes several portraits of smiling students in blue school uniforms, a large photograph of a modern school building with a glass facade, and scenes of students working on computers in a classroom or computer lab.

The Academy proposal for Macclesfield - a visionary way forward for Macclesfield students

“The vision for the proposed Academy in Macclesfield is to become an outstanding school in which every student is happy and strives to achieve his or her full potential. The Academy will deliver world-class learning in a supportive, safe and caring environment and will offer an exceptional educational opportunity for local young people.”



Wendy Wright OBE

Principal, Macclesfield College (Academy sponsor)





Why do things need to change?

The number of young people attending Macclesfield's four high schools is falling.
The highest proportion of surplus places is forecast to be at Macclesfield High School.

What is the proposal?

From 1st September 2011:

- ▶ Macclesfield High School is closed
- ▶ Replaced with 11-18 provision on the existing Learning Zone site will comprise an 11-16 Academy and LZ6 sixth form.

The new 600-place Academy would have a reduced intake of 120 students, providing an affordable, deliverable and sustainable solution to the problem of falling rolls.

The Academy would be sponsored and supported by Macclesfield College.



What is the vision of the Academy?

The Academy would become an outstanding school where every student is happy and strives to achieve his or her full potential.

The Academy would deliver world class learning in a structured, supportive, safe and caring environment where students, parents and staff work together to achieve success for all students whether gifted and talented, of average ability or overcoming learning difficulties.

Young people leaving the Academy will be equipped with the range of personal, social and learning skills needed to be successful in sixth form, Higher Education and skilled employment.

At the heart of the Learning Zone, the Academy will become the school of choice for parents in south Macclesfield.



What core values will the Academy have?

The Academy's ethos, rules and standards will be underpinned by core values such as:

Promoting and achieving excellence

- ▶ having the highest expectations of staff and students
- ▶ tackling average and poor performance

Learning is our first priority

- ▶ students' interests always come first
- ▶ staff tailor learning and support to meet individual students' needs
- ▶ a focus on quality learning and student achievement
- ▶ students accept responsibilities appropriate to their age and stage of development

Actively promoting equality and diversity

- ▶ always adopting an inclusive approach, challenging prejudice, stereotypes and unfair discrimination and valuing diversity

Maintaining high standards of ethics and behaviour

- ▶ always acting with integrity
- ▶ treating others with courtesy and respect, and behaving considerately
- ▶ listening to others' views
- ▶ challenging all inconsiderate or offensive language and/or behaviour

Encouraging innovation and development

- ▶ raising the aspirations of students and supporting them to achieve their potential
- ▶ investing in the professional development of staff
- ▶ celebrating achievement of students and staff

Acknowledging and using the power of positive thought

- ▶ refusing to tolerate negativism and cynicism

Working in partnership

- ▶ promoting effective teamwork within work teams, across the Academy and across the Macclesfield Learning Zone
- ▶ collaborating with partner primary schools, with partners in the Macclesfield Learning Zone and with other partners to benefit students, staff and the wider community
- ▶ working with our primary partners in the learning community to ensure excellent transition to the Academy from primary schools

What will Macclesfield College bring to the new Academy?



Macclesfield College is ideally placed to sponsor the Academy having:

- ▶ An outstanding track record of raising educational standards and the aspirations of young people
- ▶ An excellent reputation for delivering high-quality learning backed up by an 'Outstanding' rating in its most recent Ofsted inspection
- ▶ Beacon status - a Government mark of excellence, encouraging it to work with other educational institutions to help them raise their performance
- ▶ Existing close working relationships with Macclesfield High School and Park Lane School, and the opportunity to share facilities on the Learning Zone campus further to enhance efficiency and leave more money for teaching and learning
- ▶ Backing from Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU). Macclesfield College is an Associate College of MMU, and will benefit from their expertise to deliver high academic standards at the Academy
- ▶ Current national awards for Information, Advice and Guidance, and Training Quality.



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How will the change affect High School students?

There will be a smooth transition between the High School and the Academy:

- ▶ The delivery of education to students will not be interrupted
- ▶ All current students, together with students who have been offered and accepted places, would automatically be guaranteed a place at the Academy.

The curriculum would be enhanced:

- ▶ Academy students will follow a broad and balanced curriculum, participating in the same Key Stage 3 and GCSE examinations
- ▶ Students will benefit from new and engaging opportunities through the College's long-established partnerships with high-profile local business and Higher Education.

Students would be encouraged to achieve their full potential and aspirations would be raised:

- ▶ Further integration of the Learning Zone would provide clear progression routes from Year 7 through to Higher Education, apprenticeships and skilled employment on one modern, integrated 11 - 18 campus.



How will the change affect LZ6 and College students?

- ▶ There will be no interruption in the delivery of education to A-Level and Vocational students
- ▶ The unrivalled range of curriculum options for sixth formers within LZ6, the Learning Zone Sixth Form College, will be maintained.







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