Cheadle Hulme Sixth Form - proposal to extend from September 2024

Cheadle Hulme's academic Sixth Form currently caters for 300 students studying a range of A level subjects. Our proposal is to add 50 places per year increasing the capacity of the Sixth Form to 400.

We will continue to offer A level subjects only.



Cheadle Hulme High School was inspected by Ofsted in December 2014 and we were delighted that the Sixth Form provision was deemed to be **Outstanding**.

The Sixth Form is outstanding.
Students who attend make excellent progress, are well led, happy, ambitious and highly confident young adults.

- Ofsted report 2015



Growing demand

Demand for a place at Cheadle Hulme Sixth Form is extremely high for the 150 year 12 places currently offered.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Internal applications	164	163	181	182	140
External applications	114	142	155	151	197
Total	278	305	336	333	337

This year, as in future years, we have over 750 Year 11 students in the three Laurus Trust High Schools in Stockport. Early indications from expressions of interest show that over 500 Year 11 students, from these three schools alone, intend on applying for a place at a Laurus Trust Sixth Form in 2023.



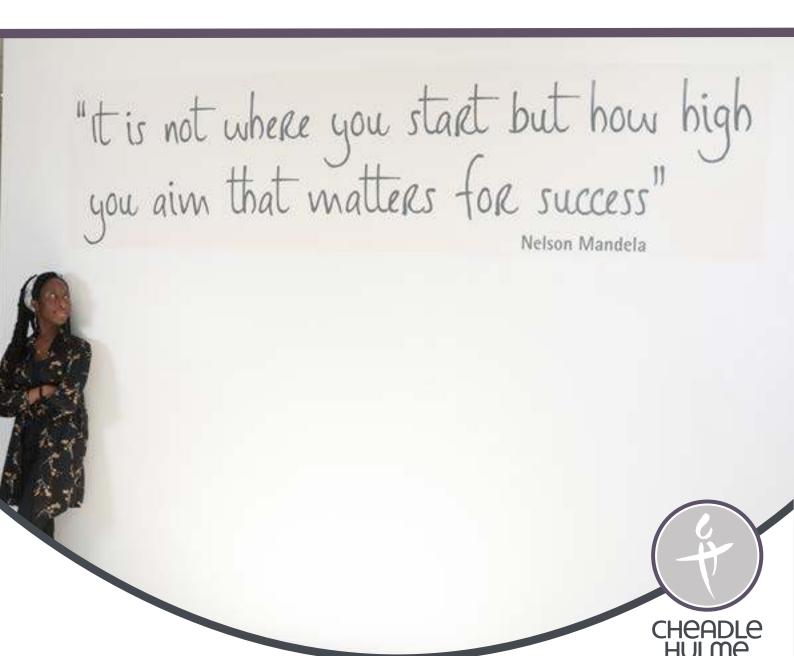
Population Growth

Stockport

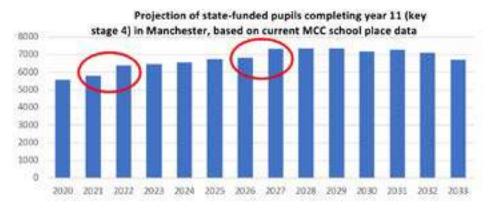
Over the next decade, the 15-19 population in Stockport is projected to grow significantly as the table below shows. This will mean over 2,000 additional post-16 places will be needed in Stockport by 2029.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
15-19 age group	14,880	15,256	15,882	16,327	16,760	16,967	17,200	17,421	17,624	17,796

Source: 2018-based subnational population projections OFNS.



Manchester



Source: Post-16 Provision Sufficiency Feb 2022

There has also been, and continues to be, large population growth in one of our neighbouring Local Authorities, Manchester. This is significant because many Stockport students choose to travel to two Manchester Sixth Form Colleges, Loreto and Xaverian, for their post-16 studies.

In 2018 the two colleges educated 326 Stockport students, this number was already down on the previous year. By 2020 this had fallen to 314. This trend is set to worsen considerably as the significant increase in the school population within Manchester continues. This capacity is already stretched and will likely be unable to cater for Stockport students in the coming years.

A recent report commissioned by Manchester concluded:

A substantial increase in demand for 16-18 education and training by young people living in Manchester is underway and that this is likely to outstrip the ability of providers to create additional places to meet this demand.

Post-16 Provision Sufficiency Feb 2022



Our plans

We are proposing to extend the facilities by adding a double storey block adjacent to the existing Sixth Form building. As with all our projects we are committed to exploring sustainable options so as to minimise any impact on the existing environment. We envisage that many of the additional students will live locally and we will support our application with a robust travel plan.

The proposal is subject to funding and planning approval. The earliest opportunity to expand would be for students starting Sixth Form in September 2024 (current Year 10 students).



Next steps

We want to hear what you think about our plans to extend Cheadle Hulme Sixth Form. Interested parties, are warmly invited to share their views by completing the questionnaire in the link below.

The questionnaire will be open until 4pm on Friday 18th November 2022.

HAVE YOUR SAY

