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Plan for Evening

- 5.00 Welcome and Overview
- 5.05 Key Topics
 - Buildings / Sites Updates (Central Beds)
 - School Places / Admissions (central Beds)
 - Ensuring Etonbury functions effectively (BEST)
 - Education offer at Pix Brook (BEST)
- 5.30 Next Steps / Milestones
Questions and FAQs
- 6.00 Finish



Aims of Evening

- To update interested parties on recent developments
- To address questions and comments received so far
- To share the expected ways forward
- To engage with parents and community
- To listen and learn





Introductions

BEST

-**Dr Alan Lee** (CEO), **Ilona Bond** (Chair of Trustees), **Craig Smith** (COO), **Alison Wilshaw** (Director of Education)

Central Bedfordshire Council

-**Victor Wan** (Head of School Place Planning and Organisation), **Jessica Mortimer-Wabel** (Admissions Manager), **Leon Delegate** (CBC Appointed Architect)

Pix Brook Principal Designate – Steve Adams



Pix Brook sharing the Etonbury site

Pix Brook will open for September 2019.

Pix Brook and Etonbury will be 2 schools sharing a site for 1 year.

The plans for the building are permanent and after 2020, they will be left at Etonbury

Pix brook will only admit transfer to Year 5 in 2019

Early works on the site start in the next few weeks.

School Places

There will be school places for all transfers to Year 5 in 2019 at local schools.

Working with the DfE we have secured funding for these places.

The Council have identified the site for the permanent build for Pix Brook, which is in the area of greatest demand.



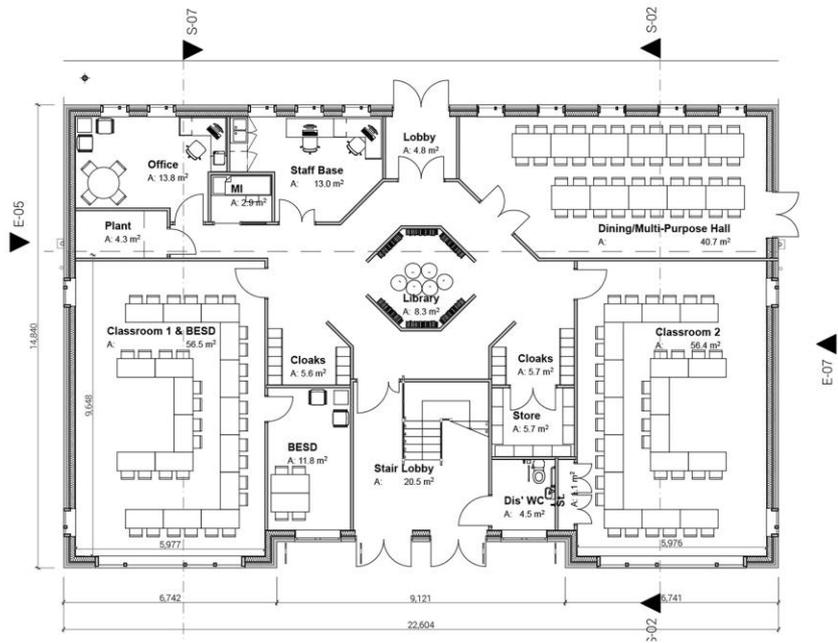
Existing Etonbury Academy Site



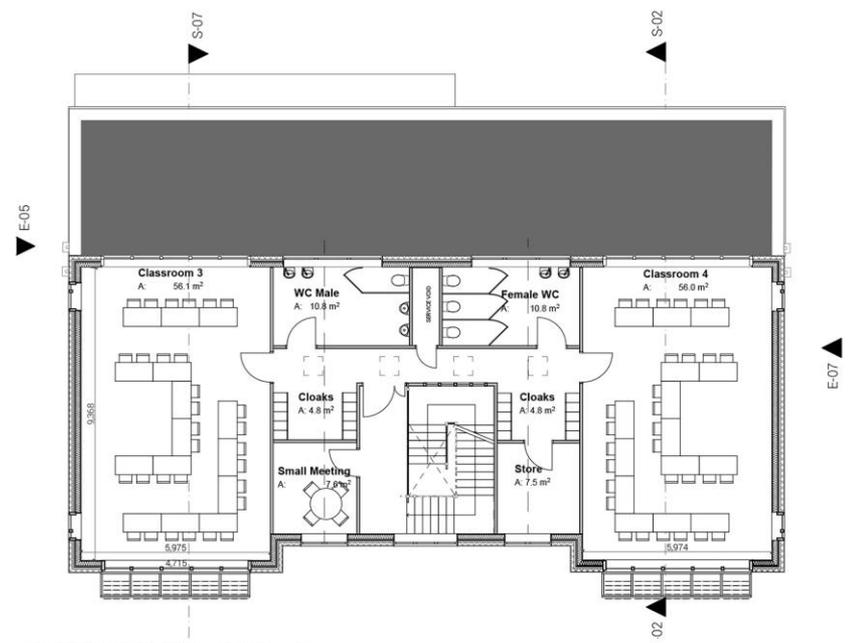
Proposed Etonbury Academy / Pix Brook Shared Site



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN AS PROPOSED



FIRST FLOOR PLAN AS PROPOSED



Main Entrance



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Rear Social Space



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Key Topic – Admissions for Pix Brook

Closing date for applications **15 January 2019**

120 Year 5 places available for Sep 2019

Catchment area for Pix Brook mirrors Etonbury (Stotfold, Arlesey, Fairfield Park and Astwick)

Two applications required – Middle 2019 with alternative preferences plus Pix Brook application

Once funding agreement has been signed with DfE, we will contact applicants to confirm preferences

National offer day – 16 April 2019

Any questions - contact School Admissions Team 0300 300 8037 or admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk





Key Topic – Ensuring Etonbury Runs Effectively

- Strong Etonbury improvement journey since Ofsted
- Initial concerns from BEST Trustees
- BEST has engaged with Central Beds and Department of Education (DfE) to seek assurances -minimal disruption and additional investment in facilities
- Seen as best option available for local community / parents
- Pix Brook will be self contained / separate school / own identity and a great community asset once established
- Legacy for Etonbury



Key Topic – Education offer at Pix Brook

- Admissions Plan approved, Statutory consultation underway, policy development underway
- Education Plan in development – DfE have clear guidance and timelines leading to March/ April Funding Agreement sign off
- Linked to Governance and Finance Plans
- Appointment of Principal November 2018
- Important to stress Pix Brook will have own identity – uniform, curriculum, staffing etc





Next Steps

- Clearer communication plans – Monthly Newsletter / Consultative Group
N.b. please sign up to email list tonight
- Building Deadlines for 2019 and 2020 builds– CBC leading
- DfE deadlines for operational plans from BEST (late 2018/early 2019)
- Admissions - Applications need to be in by 15 January 2019, offers made on 16 April 2019





Questions and FAQs

- 4 Handouts to take away (and on website)
 - Admissions information
 - FAQs
 - Site Plan
 - Layout Drawings
- Open to Questions

