



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
FINCHLEY

Have your say

**Christ's College
Finchley**
**Proposals to change to our admissions
arrangements**

Consultation Document



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1. Why Christ's College Finchley is proposing a change to our admissions arrangements

Founded in 1857, Christ's College has a proud history of providing an excellent education for children in the London Borough of Barnet and elsewhere. The school currently offers a comprehensive education for boys, with girls welcomed into the sixth form.

Our vision and ethos is based on our belief that diligence and high standards of behaviour in an inspiring and friendly environment leads to success. With a strongly supportive pastoral system we believe that we are able to bring out the best in every student.

Christ's College Finchley is now consulting on a proposal that will see a marked step in its history. Based on our successful experience of welcoming girls into the sixth form, we are now consulting on a proposal to become a fully co-educational school. Local parents tell us that there is a growing demand for coeducational school places and it would mean that families could send both their sons and daughters to us.

The school's resolute objective of providing a world class education for all its students will remain intact. Current parents will continue to recognise the caring community environment which demands the very highest standards from leadership, from teachers and from students. We will continue to develop the school's unique and powerful blend of the best aspects of traditional education combined with skilled innovation and creativity that provides the rich environment in which students thrive (OFSTED 2016).

The proposal is to admit boys and girls to Year 7 from September 2018 with the aim to become a fully coeducational school by 2023. If the proposal proceeds, Christ's College Finchley will be a school where boys and girls work, study and collaborate together to develop their talents and interests and achieve excellence as they transition into adulthood.

We are seeking the views of current and prospective parents/carers and family members of existing students, staff, community members and other key



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stakeholders (eg. local councillors, neighbouring schools, partner primary schools).

Within this document we have provided detailed information:

- about the proposal and answers to questions you may have;
- the date of the public meeting we are holding, where staff will be available to answer any further questions;
- how to give your views.

2. About the proposal: Your questions answered

Christ's College Finchley is proposing a change to its admissions arrangements. As part of the proposal process, we are carrying out a public consultation between now and the 14th June 2017.

If adopted, the proposed policy would commence for Year 7 admissions in September 2018.

This page aims to answer some of the questions people may have about the changes we are proposing. We will also be holding a public meeting at the Christ's College Finchley on Tuesday 16 May at 7pm, to allow members of the community to ask questions and share their views about the proposed changes.

2.1 What is being proposed and why?

The proposal would see Christ's College Finchley become a co-educational school that caters for both boys and girls. Based on our experience of welcoming girls into the sixth form, the proposal has the potential to improve the educational experience for boys and girls, both academically and socially. We believe our governors and experienced and highly talented staff possess the skills and experience to successfully make the transition to a fully co-educational school.



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2.2 How would it work?

The school's admission arrangements would remain unchanged. The only change that is being proposed is that the school will no longer only offer places to boys. The admission arrangements would apply equally to boys and girls.

The first co-educational in-take to Year 7 would be in September 2018. Each subsequent in-take to Year 7 would be open equally to boys and girls.

2.3 How would we prepare for co-education?

The school would plan and prepare during 2017/18, looking at the school's aims and ethos, the curriculum, teaching and learning, pastoral care, teaching staff, facilities, sports provision and extra curriculum activities. Most members of our current leadership team have spent most of their careers in mixed comprehensive schools so we have a clear vision for the future. We would also learn from other schools, building on their experience and our belief that all pupils are individuals and the importance of avoiding gender stereo-typing. Both boys and girls choose to study what interests them, from mathematics and science through to more creative subjects such as art and drama and we would prepare to nurture and develop all pupils as individuals.

2.3 After September 2018, would girls be able to join year higher year groups that are currently boys only?

No, the intention is to become co-educational from Year 7 upwards.

2.5 How long do I have to make comments or ask questions about the proposal?

We are holding a 6 week public consultation, and inviting all members of the community to have their say by completing our survey here. It starts on 3 May 2017 and ends on 14 June 2017 at 12 noon. We will also be holding a public meeting at Christ's College on 16 May at 7pm, to allow members of the community to ask questions and share their views about the proposed changes.



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2.6 What will happen at the end of the consultation?

At the end of the consultation, the Governing Body of Christ's College Finchley will make a final decision, with due regard to the views and comments received. The decision will be communicated by the end of June.

2.7 If the changes to the admissions policy go ahead, when would this happen?

The changes would be implemented into the admissions policy for admission to Year 7 in September 2018, for which applications will be made in September and October 2017.

3. How to give your views:

We welcome and value your feedback on the proposed admissions arrangements and there are various ways you can give your views:

- complete our online questionnaire at engage.barnet.gov.uk
- come along to the public meeting on the 16th May where you can ask further questions give your views.
- complete a paper questionnaire. Printed copies of the questionnaire will be available at Christ College Finchley, and on the evening of public meeting..
- alternatively you can request a paper copy of the questionnaire - please call Mrs Beck or email txb@ccfplus.com



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