



Proposals to establish a post-16 Vocational offer at Laurel Park School.

Notice is given to the London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XQ that Laurel Park School proposes to add a post-16 vocational offer to the current provisions, under the Department for Education's [Making significant changes \(prescribed alterations\) to maintained school guidance. \(January 2023\)](#). The guidance primarily relates to the [School Organization \(Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools\) \(England\) Regulations 2013 legislation](#).

Laurel Park School (formerly Broomfield School) is in the Palmers Green/ Southgate area.

The vision of Laurel Park School is to develop well rounded students with the ambition and determination to excel in their lives whether this be through academic study, vocational training, or employment. Alongside this, Laurel Park School has a commitment to developing character and integrity across the school and wider community.

Opportunities are provided outside of the taught curriculum to develop core life skills, preparing our students to be proud global citizens. Laurel Park School's governing body is therefore proposing to open a sixth form to allow students to take further vocational courses for their post-16 education.

This provision will be situated within existing buildings on the main school campus at Wilmer Way, London, N14 7HY. Therefore, no special transport arrangements are required as there will be no change to the travel arrangements for the students and there is unlikely to be any change to current levels of car use.

The school currently has a Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 1000 with a total of 686 students as of May 2023 from national curriculum years 7-11. These students are both girls and boys.

It is proposed that the admission process for internal and external students for the new established post 16 vocational offer will open from early 2024 with pre – admissions interviews between March- April 2024.

School based sixth forms traditionally offer an A-level route with some vocational offers for students who seek a less academic and more career focused route. Laurel Park School believes that vocational education should be seen as an equally viable option for all students.

The DFE have identified the need for more vocational and work-related skills-based qualifications to add to the economy in the long-term and therefore have introduced T-Levels, where students can specialise in one subject area.

T-levels are part of a drive to strengthen the technical education system in England and give young people the knowledge and skills they need to bridge the skills gap in the labour market, ensuring they are technically trained by combining theoretical knowledge with practical application and working with employers to fill key roles in the job market.

T- levels are the equivalent to 3 A levels and are around 1800 guided learning hours, which includes a minimum expectation for students to complete a 45-day work placement in the area of study. There is funding available from the DfE to support the introduction of T-levels.

Currently, schools in Enfield do not offer T-levels although some are exploring the possibility considering the government changing from the long standing BTECs, however there is suspicion the 45-day

placement will be an issue of consideration for them when running a provision that offers a wide range of qualifications and pathways. East Barnet School is the nearest institution that is due to offer a wide range of T-levels.

Laurel Park is a relatively small secondary school with a family type community. For some students it is an overwhelming thought and experience having to transition again at the end of year 11 to a larger college.

Most of Laurel Park's current students go to institutions outside of Enfield for their post-16 studies. Having a vocational education offer at Laurel Park School sixth form could help to retain and support those students who wished to pursue further education in Enfield, as opposed to going to schools and/or colleges either within or outside of the borough.

Laurel Park School believes there is a need in the school to provide a post-16 offer to retain students and support them on their journey into Higher Education, Apprenticeships, or Employment.

Suggested Programme of Study

40 lessons timetable per fortnight	
Triple Award Qualifications (<i>in selected subjects</i>)	18 x Lessons subject (upper limit)
Personal Development and Enrichment	2 x Lessons per week
Core RE	1 x Lessons per week
Work Experience	6 x Lessons per week
Supervised study	6 x lessons per week
Morning tutorial	1 x Lessons per week (outside of timetable - morning form time)
Resit Maths and English	6 x Lessons per week (will be dependent on overall outcomes)

Laurel Park School will aim to specialise in the following (courses to be confirmed)

Starting SEPTEMBER 2024.

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma in Computing

This course will allow students to study an ICT/computing tech level and have the option to specialise in several units. The course has seven mandatory units such as Principles of Computer Science, Software design and Development and Fundamentals of Computer Systems. The students will then complete work in a further six units to create their full programme.

Cambridge National Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

This course will allow students to explore the sporting industry alongside developing an in-depth knowledge of physiology and the way the body works. The students will study twelve mandatory units including the way the body works, the sporting industry and the business of sport. Students will then have the option to study further units, linked to their areas of interest.

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma in Performing Arts

This course will allow students to explore the performing arts industry and develop skills in both performance, design, production, and the arts industry. Students' courses will be tailored to meet their specific interests and talents, for example, a student may choose to specialise in either music or acting. Students will be supported in their development with regular access to musical and theatrical performances and visits from industry experts.

From 2025

T Level Technical Qualification in Science

This course would allow students to explore core components in science and then have an option to specialise in laboratory science or food sciences. This course would be supported with a one day a week work placement, who will set a project task as one of their core assessments.

T Level Technical Qualification in Management and Administration

This qualification will allow learners to gain an understanding of what is required to work within an administrative or managerial role. Topics covered include Business Context, People, Quality Compliance, Project, and Change Management.

Copies of the complete proposals can be obtained on the council's website.

All statutory consultees will be consulted on these proposals.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the Head of Strategic Resourcing & Partnerships - Education, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XQ.

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Timeline		Action
September 2023	Formal proposal presented to London Borough of Enfield for consideration	Laurel Park School
27th -30th November 2023	Publication finalisation	Peter Nathan/ Neil Best
1st December 2023 -12th January 2024	4-weeks Formal Consultation (posting proposal publication on all relevant websites)	Keith Rowley/Jeffrey Joib Mensah
21st December 2023 – 5th January 2024	Christmas Break	
15th -19th January 2024	Final Decision by Enfield	Peter Nathan/Neil Best
22nd -26th January 2024	Publish Final Decision.	Keith Rowley/Jeffrey Joib Mensah