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SCHOOL EXPANSION PLANNING APPLICATION AUGUST 2021

The next exciting step in the journey towards the expansion of Holy Trinity Academy (HTA) has arrived. During August 2021 a planning application will be submitted for consultation. This planning application gives all the detail required for anyone to view the plans for the new school and how this will improve the provision of teaching and learning to the Priorslee community, alongside the Faith based communities of Telford. We would urge everyone to read the planning application and all associated documents to understand exactly what is proposed. We would welcome all comments to ensure all views are captured so that, if possible, responses can be designed into the final expansion.

Since the intention to expand the school was first announced to parents, earlier this year, the project has been moving on. Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) have appointed Wilmot Dixon as the principal contractor following a rigorous tender process.

In the last 3 months Wilmot Dixon have been leading the project, setting up the design and technical teams, running regular project engagement meetings, appointing specialists, setting schedules, and administering all aspects of the project. There has been regular discussion with the school to ensure that the design meets the needs of the staff and students. This team have been responsible for the creation of the designs and information which make up the planning application. HTA have enjoyed working closely with TWC, Wilmot Dixon and various specialists developing these designs for: -

- A new 3 storey teaching block positioned within the site, behind the existing building, on land which had previously been underutilised, because it was unsuitable for sports activities.
- Expansion of the dining area within the existing school buildings.
- A new 3g pitch with fencing and floodlighting, which is a direct replacement for an existing football pitch used for PE activities but not currently available for letting.
- Inclusion of the community playing field which had never been available for school use (as explained in the HTA expansion Statement dated May 2021, published on the school website.)
- Associated site improvements to accommodate new buildings and 300 extra students in years 7 to 11.

The new sports facilities represent a significant addition and enhancement to the facilities available for use by HTA and the local community. A community use agreement commits HTA to make these available for community use on weekday evenings and weekends. We are excited by the prospect of taking on the management of all these excellent new buildings and facilities in the next few months. HTA have already been approached by many of our existing customers as well as new clubs who are all very interested in booking time at HTA, especially the football pitches, in the future.

HTA recognise that some aspects of this expansion are challenging to some in our local community. We would like to reassure all stakeholders that the addition of these new facilities will be managed and utilised by the school to ensure these new assets are delivering real improvements to the quality of education available to all present and future student. As we previously explained, if the school is ever to expand, then this plan represents the only feasible solution.

The Governors and Leaders of Holy Trinity Academy