

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to tell you that proposals have been approved to enable Houlton School to become an all-through provision – meaning that children will have the option to learn there from their first day of primary school until the moment that they head off to university or employment.

A purpose-built primary building will be developed next to the existing secondary school by the site's Master Developers, Urban&Civic. Planning permission has also just been granted, meaning that building works can proceed – with the opening of the primary provision planned for September 2026.

The prospect of an all-through school at Houlton is an exciting one. The children and young people will still have their own distinct areas to play, learn and socialise – but they will also be able to benefit from shared resources, facilities and opportunities.

Primary aged children, for example, will be able to experience science labs and have access to specialist teachers for subjects like languages, and older children will have some amazing leadership and mentoring experiences. It is a win-win situation for everyone.

We are working with Urban&Civic to ensure that the building work will be done with consideration for the learning of the pupils. In addition, we are looking at the leadership structure that will sit under Principal McCulley to ensure that there is the appropriate experience, capacity and expertise so that all elements of Houlton School can thrive.

We will be communicating with you regularly about this to make sure you're up to date with our progress.

In the meantime, if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



James Higham  
Chief Executive Officer



Guy French  
Trust Board Chair