

Plans to establish a university school and sixth form are underway

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The University of Birmingham hopes to establish a University School and Sixth Form to provide excellent academic education for Birmingham's young people and to serve as a centre of teacher education in the region.

The University of Birmingham School and Sixth Form will be a comprehensive co-educational 11-16 school plus a sixth form, taking 150 per year into Year 7 and 200 per year into the Sixth Form. It will be located near the University of Birmingham and will have strong links with the University and reflect its values, including a commitment to academic excellence and to raising aspirations and widening participation in higher education. As such, the emphasis will be on preparing pupils for entrance to selective universities. The goal is to accept the first intakes into Years 7 and 12 (sixth form) for September 2014.

The School and Sixth Form will have particularly strong ties to the School of Education, which has been a leading provider of teacher education for many decades, and which was recently rated "outstanding" in all areas by OfSTED. The University of Birmingham has been invited to make the University School one of the Government's flagship partners in teacher education and it will become one of the first "University Training Schools" in the country.

The University is currently submitting an application to the Department for Education for approval to proceed with its plans to establish a University School and Sixth Form.

[More information on the proposed University School and Sixth Form](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2012/02/03Feb-University-School-Press-Release.aspx)
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