



2023

Introductions

- Sally Kennedy - Head teacher of County Upper School
- Ben Jeffery - Head of lower School



County Upper School

Moving forwards

- Thanks for your comments and questions
- In 2023 County Upper (new name tbc) will have years 7 - 13. The year 7 and 8s will be taught at the Westley campus.
- Year 9-13 at the County Upper campus



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School Identity

1. School Name
2. School Logo
3. Uniform

The vision is the biggest part of the school's identity...



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Vision

- Opportunity to be innovative and ambitious
- 'County' to become the best school in the area
- This is not Westley and not Horringer
- Take the best from three tier model
- We want to hear from you



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What will make the lower school great?

- High quality teaching from excellent teachers from two successful schools
- A school where the staff know all the students
- Amazing pastoral support
- High expectations
- Brilliant opportunities outside the curriculum
- A middle school feeling
- Being part of one big school
- Being on a split site



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Timeline

- September 2022 - Westley and Horringer will be open with years 6 - 8
- August 31st 2023 Westley Middle and Horringer Middle will close
- Admissions -we will confirm how this will work in September
- In 2023 County Upper (new name tbc) will have years 7 - 13. The year 7 and 8s will be taught at the Westley campus



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Transition for Students



- Students need to bond together and mix with other students.
- I will be visiting Horringer Court regularly next year and will meet students and lead assemblies with Horringer staff: Horringer students need to know that they are not joining Westley.
- Bairstow and the pastoral team!

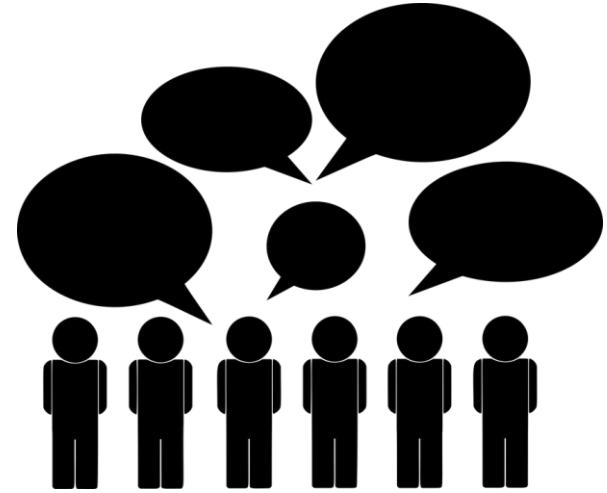
Programme of Planned sessions to support transition:

- Taster / Wow days (PE, music, science)
- Mixed groups team building events
- Teachers collaborating over tutor groups
- Summer school
- Extra transition for SEND students and other vulnerable groups
- Follow up and review whether it worked and plan for next year



Families

- **Good communication**
- Get the message out there on social media
- Monthly newsletters
- New website?
- Put myself out there and answer any questions
- Frequently asked questions on the website



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Families

- Visits in the holidays
- Open evenings
- Invite families on the same days as students come



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Curriculum

- Similar proportion of subjects to current middle schools
- Emphasis on a broad curriculum that values all subjects
- Regular cross site planning and collaboration



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Staffing Structure and the recruitment process

- All roles are ring fenced for Horringer and Westley staff to apply for
- Staff will be in place by the end of this term
- Leadership team including year leaders
- Middle leaders
- Pastoral team
- Office staff



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new staffing structure - current projection

Head of Lower School
Assistant Head of Lower school/ Head of Year 7 and 8 x 2
Head of English, Maths, Science
Head of Humanities, PE and Enrichment, MFL, Performing and Visual Arts
Classroom teachers
LSAs , Family Support Worker, Pastoral Lead, Cover Supervisor



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Infrastructure and Systems

Shared across both sites

- Rewards systems
- Behaviour expectations and systems
- Parent platform (reports/ homework/ rewards/ incidents)
- Timetabling systems/ school day
- Curriculum teams



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Uniform

- 2023 all students at the Lower School site will wear County uniform.
- We will consult on this
- We will follow the guidelines that the government have introduced
- Uniform will be smart and will be able to support financially for those that need this.
- All year groups (Year 7-11) will have the new uniform
- We will have more answers by Christmas after consulting with governors, staff, students and parents



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Transport

- We are honouring all current transport arrangements
- We will look at fresh routes
- We are in meetings with The Suffolk Transport Team to get more answers







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Next steps

1. Which of the proposed names would be your preference?

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 The Bury St Edmunds School	4
 BSE County High School	20
 County Academy	7
 none of the above	14



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Planning

- ❖ 11 classes currently projected for Year 7 and 8
- ❖ Mixed ability classes for most subjects
- ❖ Classes will be mixed up with Horringer, Westley and hopefully many more students (as with Y9 transition currently)
- ❖ Transition events and activities through the year
- ❖ Y7/8 students will visit the 'County Site'; Y9/10/11 students will visit the lower site
- ❖ Staff will work predominantly at one site
- ❖ This is not just a one year plan



Next steps

- ❖ Governance
- ❖ Staff recruitment and retention
- ❖ Extracurricular activities
- ❖ Teacher assessments



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Thank you



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