

# Beacon & Bispham Partnership

CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
DEPARTMENT

## The New Future



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## What is this Partnership?

**In response to changing secondary school numbers, Beacon Hill High School and Bispham High School are working together, with the Local Authority, to develop a new pattern of provision in their area of town.**

The Beacon site will meet the needs of children aged 3 to 14 years (with a nursery attached) with the Bispham site meeting the needs of students aged 14+. Both sites will have significant new and refurbished facilities.

This new pattern of provision between the schools will commence in 2011 although there is Primary provision, in partnership with Claremont Primary school, at the Beacon Hill High School site.

## What will happen?

The proposed arrangements are:

### September 2008

The collaboration between Beacon Hill High School and Claremont Primary School starts. Primary age pupils will be taught at the Beacon Hill High School site.

Students who enter Beacon Hill High School in Year 7 will transfer to the Bispham site when they start Year 10.

There will be similar arrangements for pupils starting Beacon Hill in subsequent years.

## Will there still be two schools?

The Primary School pupils will become part of Beacon Hill High School which by September 2013 will be a school for pupils aged 3 to 14 years old with an attached Nursery. Bispham High School will change from a school for 11 to 16 year olds to a school for students aged 14+. The schools will work as one Federation/Trust school with a common school uniform.



## Will there be building work going on?

There will be building work going on whilst your child is on either the Beacon or Bispham site.

Over the next few years, all Blackpool's High schools will be remodelled or rebuilt as part of Blackpool's Building Schools for the Future programme.

## What happens when my child is 7 years old?

When your child is aged seven they will transfer into the junior department of the new Beacon School on the same site.

## What happens when my child is 11 years old?

Your child can stay at Beacon Hill High School and will be joined by pupils from other primary schools.

## What happens when my child is 14 years old?

At age 14 all students will be educated on the Bispham site and will have the opportunity of studying some courses there after the age of 16.



## What are the advantages to this new arrangement?

The new arrangement will enable children from the age of 3 (nursery) up to 16+ to be educated in one establishment progressing when it best suits their needs.

Research shows that during the ages of 9 to 13, children develop at different rates. By the time children reach the age of 14, there is less difference between their levels of maturity and developmental needs.

We believe that the new pattern of provision, i.e. your child having the stability of a school placement in the same place, with the same staff, until they are aged 14 will give them a better start when they reach the stage where they will be studying for their examinations. When they transfer to the new Bispham site at 14, they will be part of a more “grown up” ethos, within a specially created environment and specialist teaching.



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