

# Meopham School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware I have recently conducted an initial consultation with our parents, students, and staff to find out if there would be an interest in Meopham School seeking to convert to a Grammar School once the legislation for this is in place.

Specifically I asked for your views as to whether you would:

- a) support in principle converting Meopham to full mixed sex Grammar School status from September 2018 subject to the necessary legislation being enacted and more detailed consultation to follow.*
- b) oppose the proposal.*

I am pleased to report that we have had an extremely positive response to this proposal and, consequently, we will be seeking to put in place a "Grammar Stream" for our current Year 7 pupils from January 2017, and for our new Year 7 pupils starting with us in September 2017. I would like to emphasise that there will be no "selection test" for admission to this stream; it will simply comprise the most able students who we have in that particular year group.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in this initial consultation. We were delighted to receive responses from so many of you. I was particularly impressed to see such a vast array of positive comments from parents in praise of the school, whether they were in favour of the school becoming a Grammar School or not. We will continue to observe the national Grammar debate with interest, and will consult with you more formally in the future when the legislation is in place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Whitcombe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Whitcombe  
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