

Proposed Saxmundham Free School

SOME KEY FACTS

- A Free School is an exciting new type of school with different ways of teaching and learning, more freedom and new resources.
- It is proposed that Saxmundham Free School would become a Free School on 3 September 2012 in premises currently occupied by Saxmundham Middle School.
- This proposal is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and sufficient community support.
- **The Seckford Foundation Free School Trust** would run the School and it would have its own Headteacher who would lead the School day-to-day.
- The Saxmundham Free School would be for children aged 11-16 years. It would be non-selective and open to all abilities. Initial plans would be to start with provision for school years 7, 8 and 9.
- Qualified teachers and support staff would work in partnership with other schools, including where appropriate, by sharing resources.
- The School's curriculum would reflect the flavour of the English Baccalaureate which demands GCSE grade C in a variety of academic subjects.
- A range of interesting and fun activities would take place after school such as ICT, sport leadership, the school newspaper and young engineers.
- The school uniform would be affordable and the Trust aims to provide some items at no cost.
- The Foundation's Grant Programme will consider applications to help parents pay for musical instruments and sports equipment.
- The proposed Free School would support all learners, including those with disabilities, the gifted and talented, and learners from all social and cultural backgrounds.
- Pupils would benefit from close links with other schools governed by the Trust.
- The Trust would support the Headteacher, teachers and staff to raise academic standards, aspirations and improve community links.
- The governing body would include staff, parent and community governors.
- The proposed site for the School is easily accessible.