

# New Building Proposal

## Stakeholder Consultation

King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, is seeking stakeholder feedback on a proposed new building on campus. This document summarises the proposal, outlines anticipated benefits, and explains how stakeholders can provide feedback.

### Why do we need a new building?

The college has experienced significant growth in recent years. Since 2018, student numbers have increased by 31%, rising from just over 2,000 students to approximately 2,650 this academic year. This reflects both population growth in the local area and an increasing number of young people choosing the college for their post-16 education.

Our demographic analysis and local population data show that this growth will continue. Current projections show that student numbers will increase by a further 250 students by 2029. As a result, the demand on the college's facilities will continue to increase.

The campus is made up of a mixture of historic and more modern buildings. Over many years we have adapted and reconfigured internal spaces to make the best possible use of the facilities available. However, the campus has now reached the point where further internal changes will not provide the additional capacity required.

Additional classrooms, study spaces and essential facilities are now needed to support the growing student population and maintain a high-quality learning environment.

Students also contribute significantly to the local economy, with many visiting Stourbridge town centre during the day. Increasing on-site study and social space would allow more students to remain on campus between lessons, helping to ease pressure on the town centre at peak times while continuing to support local businesses.

### Where would this be?

The proposal is for the construction of a new teaching building on the ring road side of the campus.

This area already provides suitable space for development and has been identified as the most appropriate location for additional facilities.



## How does this proposal provide a solution?

The building would provide 13 new classrooms, along with dedicated study space and additional toilet facilities. These spaces are intended to support the growing student population and help ensure that students have access to appropriate places to learn, study and spend time between lessons.

## What will it look like?

The design of the building would be in keeping with the wider campus, complementing the mix of existing historic and modern buildings. Sustainability will also be a key consideration within the design and construction. The development will align with the college's wider environmental commitments, including its net zero and sustainability goals.



Artist's impression of proposed building (not final design)

As the proposed building would be located on the edge of the campus, construction could take place without requiring existing facilities to close. This means that the project could be delivered during the academic year with minimal disruption to teaching, learning and day-to-day college operations.

## Your feedback

Please fill in the short form by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.

The consultation period will shut on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. Following the close of the consultation period all feedback will be reviewed by the college and design team with any necessary amendments considered and stakeholders updated on the outcome and planned timelines.



## Thank you