Public Consultation on the Expansion of Tiffin School from September 2021

On May 11th the Government announced funding for the expansion of Grammar Schools through the Selective Schools Expansion Fund. Tiffin School proposes to apply for funding, so we are consulting on the following potential changes to our admissions arrangements. These changes are conditional upon our application to the SSEF being approved, and upon the purchase of land in Kingston within a short distance of the School, and the construction of an additional building on that land. Therefore any increase in pupil numbers would be matched by an increase in accommodation and space.

The main changes to our admissions arrangements would be:

1. From September 2021 onwards, the number of forms in a year group would increase from 6 to 8, thereby increasing the Planned Admission Number for Year 7 from 180 to 240.
2. Whilst maintaining a coeducational Sixth Form, the number of external admissions at Year 12 would increase from a minimum of 40 to a minimum of 60 per year, in addition to those students who progress from Year 11 at Tiffin School into the Sixth Form.
3. In line with the Department for Education guidance on the Selective Schools Expansion Fund, Tiffin School would develop a Fair Access and Partnership Plan, which would include proposals for wider partnership activity with other local schools (including outreach work in primary schools), and changes to our admissions arrangements, in order to increase the number of pupils applying to and being admitted to the School from disadvantaged backgrounds, (specifically, pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding).

Overall, Tiffin School would increase from 900 to 1200 at Years 7-11, and from 440 to 600 in the Sixth Form, by 2028. This would be facilitated by constructing an additional building on land in Kingston.

The aim of this expansion would be:

- To allow more young people than ever to benefit from the Tiffin education
- To admit more children from disadvantaged backgrounds to the School, and provide the capacity to facilitate outreach work in primary schools
- To help meet demand for places at Tiffin School
- To help meet the need for more secondary places in Kingston and the surrounding areas
- To create greater opportunities for investing in and improving Tiffin education through economies of scale

We welcome your comments on these proposed changes. Please do so by writing to:
The Clerk to the Governors, Tiffin School, Queen Elizabeth Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6RL
or email: consultation@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk making the subject of the email ‘Expansion 2021’.

A public meeting about the plans will be held at School at 6pm on Thursday 21 June 2018 to which anyone interested may attend. Please email consultation@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk to indicate if you wish to attend so we can estimate numbers.

The closing date for submitting comments is 4pm on Tuesday 10 July 2018. We will consider all the responses we receive. If successful in our application we will incorporate the changes in our admissions policy in due time for the 2020 and 2021 admissions consultations and process.