

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why is WGSP moving to co-education now?

A: Over the past few years, Walderslade and Greenacre have worked increasingly closely together under the WGSP partnership, sharing staff, leadership, and resources. This collaboration has already strengthened teaching and improved student experiences. Moving to co-education is the next natural step — ensuring that all students can access the same opportunities and enjoy the full benefits of a modern, inclusive education.

Q: Is this change being made because of Ofsted outcomes?

A: No — this proposal builds on the improvements already made since both schools joined the Trust. WGSP has made significant progress, and this change is about ensuring long-term sustainability and excellence for all students, not a reaction to past judgements. We will still be due to be inspected on the same timeline as before, mid 2027.

Q: Will the school have a new name?

A: Yes, the school will have a new name. This has not been decided yet and will be decided in further consultation with parents, staff and students.

Q: How will this change affect the quality of education?

A: Our priority remains outstanding teaching and learning. Co-education allows for more efficient use of specialist staff, broader curriculum choices, and enhanced enrichment opportunities. Students will continue to receive high-quality academic support and pastoral care.

Q: Will classes be mixed straight away?

A: Yes. From September 2026, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 will start as fully co-educational. This will be explained in depth in June and July 2026, and class lists will be shared with students prior to September. SEN students will receive extra transition.

Q: What about safeguarding?

A: Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. Our existing policies and facilities already support both boys and girls safely, and these will continue to be reviewed and strengthened where needed.

Q: Will uniform or facilities change?

A: Uniforms, facilities, and other arrangements will be reviewed to ensure they are fair, practical, and inclusive for all students. We will involve parents and students in any updates well in advance. This is being discussed at the next parent forum.

We have already begun to align our uniform, firstly looking at our PE kit and our logo to ensure the transition is smooth. The first cohort that will be required to wear the new uniform will be those Year 7 joining in September 2027.

Q: How will behaviour and expectations be managed?

A: Our current expectations for respect, responsibility, and kindness apply equally to

all students. Our values of respect, resilience and aspiration will remain. The positive atmosphere already seen during joint activities shows that co-education strengthens, rather than challenges, behaviour standards.

Q: Will I still be with my friends?

A: Yes — class groups will be carefully planned to support friendships and learning needs. Students will also continue to mix at social times, clubs, and events.

Q: Will lessons change?

A: You'll have the same subjects, teachers, and high expectations. The main difference is that boys and girls will learn together in most subjects, which many students have already said helps them work better and learn from each other.

Q: Will sports and extracurricular clubs still run?

A: Yes.

Q: What impact will this have on admissions?

A: WGSP will continue to serve the local community as before, our PAN will remain 320 students.

Q: Will the school expand or need new buildings?

A: We are reviewing facilities to ensure we have the right spaces for all students, but this proposal is not about increasing overall student numbers — it's about providing the best experience for the students we already serve.

Q. Will the leadership structure of the schools be affected by the move to co-education?

A. No, the current WGSP Leadership Team led by Headteacher Louise Campbell will remain the same. The school will continue to be an integral part of the Beyond Schools Trust, and as such will be supported and challenged by the trust's executive team.

Q: How can I share my views?

A: We will hold a formal consultation period where parents, students, staff, and community members can share their views in writing or at consultation events.

The consultation evening will be held on **Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 6.30pm.**

The link for the feedback form is as follows: [WGSP Consultation: Transition to Co-Education – Fill out form](#)