

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

Following careful consideration and discussion within the Beyond Schools Trust, we are proposing that, from **September 2026**, Walderslade School and Greenacre School will formally merge to become a single, fully co-educational school.

This proposal builds on the strong partnership already established between the two schools under the Walderslade & Greenacre Schools Partnership (WGSP) name, where staff, leadership, and many aspects of school life are already shared.

As part of this transition, from September 2026, WGSP will begin welcoming both boys and girls into Year 7. The current Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 cohorts will also experience the benefits of learning in a mixed setting as the change progresses. Please note that students currently in Years 10 and 11 will not be affected by this proposal.

Why Move to Co-education?

We believe that moving to co-education represents an exciting and forward-thinking step in the continued development of WGSP. This proposal builds on the strong foundations we have already established as a united school community and reflects our shared ambition to provide an outstanding education for every young person in our care.

Across the local area, co-educational learning has become the standard model, offering students a broad and balanced experience that reflects the world beyond school. By taking this step, WGSP will be able to offer even richer opportunities academically, socially, and personally; and ensure that every student benefits from a truly inclusive and cohesive learning journey from Year 7 onwards.

Research and guidance from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) indicate that co-educational environments can foster improved social development, mutual respect, communication, and collaboration between students. These qualities are central to our vision of preparing young people not just for examinations, but for life — equipping them with the confidence, empathy, and resilience they need to succeed in further education, employment, and society.

What We Have Already Achieved

Our journey towards this proposal has already begun. Over recent months, we have introduced a number of successful co-educational initiatives across school life, including:

- Shared social times
- Co-ordinated transitions between lessons
- Joint clubs, enrichment, and extracurricular activities
- Co-education in options subjects in Key Stage 4

The response from students, staff, and families has been overwhelmingly positive. These experiences have strengthened relationships across the school, encouraged collaboration and inclusivity, and created a deeper sense of belonging and community.

We are proud of the progress already made and confident that moving towards full co-education will allow us to build on this success — providing all WGSP students with the best possible start to their futures.

Next Steps and Feedback

We are now entering a consultation period, and your views are vital in helping us make an informed decision about the future of WGSP. We would very much value your feedback on the proposed move to co-education.

There are two consultations that we would appreciate your feedback on, they are as follows:

1. The move to create one co-educational provision, finally bringing Walderslade and Greenacre Schools together under one roof and location number.
2. Determined admissions arrangements for the September 2027 intake to become one cohort of co-education male and female students.

As part of the consultation, we will be hosting an information evening on **Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 6.30pm** at **Walderslade and Greenacre Schools Partnership Main Hall** (entry via the Walderslade Road entrance).

You can also share your views by completing this link [WGSP Consultation: Transition to Co-Education – Fill out form](#), please note the deadline for all feedback is **Friday 9th January at 4:00pm**.

Following a 6 week consultation period all views will be considered and a full equalities impact assessment will be submitted alongside a request to become one co-educational establishment to the Department for Education. This equality impact assessment will take into consideration how we will continue to support all stakeholders regardless of income or background in accessing a high-quality education.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we can ensure that WGSP continues to provide the highest quality education and opportunities for all our students as part of the Beyond Schools Trust.