



Cobham Free School Press Statement Wednesday 22 July 2015

Hurst Park School set to become the temporary site for Cobham Free School Senior Department

Cobham Free School (CFS) is pleased to announce it is finalising an agreement to secure Hurst Park School in West Molesey for its senior department for the next two years after Surrey County Council stepped in to help it find a base.

CFS would like to thank Surrey County Council, Hurst Park School and the Education Funding Agency for helping to resolve the temporary site issue so quickly and with such a successful outcome for the school.

It follows disappointing news regarding planning refusal for demountable classrooms on its existing Old Police Station site.

Hurst Park is a superb site which will ensure CFS students have access to appropriate facilities and continue to benefit from the high quality educational provision currently offered by the school. The premises is being vacated by the Hurst Park Primary School, which currently occupies the building, and which is relocating to a new school site on Hurst Road.

Meanwhile, plans are progressing for the permanent CFS building which will be located in the Cobham area and which will accommodate the junior and senior departments of the school once ready.

Michaela Khatib, Executive Head stated:

"We greatly appreciate all the support of Surrey County Council, Hurst Park School and the Education Funding Agency in helping us find such an excellent temporary solution. This will mean we can continue to deliver a high standard of education for our Key Stage 3 students. We are looking forward to the exciting journey ahead as we progress plans for the new permanent site in Cobham. In the meantime, we will enjoy seeing our pupils flourish on the Hurst Park site over the next couple of years."

Howard Morris, Chair of Governors stated:

"Following Elmbridge Borough Council's refusal of the temporary planning application for on-site classrooms, we are really grateful to Surrey County Council for providing a life-line for Cobham Free School to enable us to continue to provide outstanding secondary education to Cobham students."