

Three Valleys Academy

Timeline of Key Dates:

- Free School Notifies the Secretary of State of its intention to put forward a proposal to set up a free school.
- Free school completes proposal form – obtains support from parents/other supporters and notifies the LA of its proposal
- The Department for Education approved the ‘Three Valleys Academy’ proposal on the 14th January 2011.
- The Department for Education notifies the LA of its decision to move the proposal to Business Case. Formal letter sent to the Local Authority advising of the decision and asking for the LA’s views on the proposal.
- **The dead line for reply is the 11th March 2011.**
- The meeting held on the **17th February 2011** with Cllr Paul Lakin and the Chair of Governors and Head teachers of relevant schools resolved to oppose the request for the ‘Three Valleys Proposal’ and supported the Authority in its opposition. The opposition would be based on:
 1. Sufficient capacity currently exists in all schools for all pupils in the area.
 2. Educational Standards are high and rising in all schools.
 3. 97% of parents get their first choice secondary school.
 4. The loss of pupils to ‘The Three Valleys’ would jeopardise the future of at least two of the Secondary Schools with the 6th Form at Swinton particularly at risk.
 5. ‘The Three Valleys’ has not provided any information on curriculum, educational standards, quality of staff, suitable accommodation, sports facilities or financial viability.
 6. All Secondary Schools would work with their feeder primary schools to provide clear guidance both to the schools and parents on the opportunities available within the current secondary schools.
 7. Following examination results there will be a co-ordinated media campaign promoting Rotherham Schools to parents and the wider community. **August 2011.**
 8. Continued support will be sought from local MPs to oppose the proposal.