

## Burnham Secondary School Update 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

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This document/web page provides residents and councillors with the status of the activities of the Burnham Parish Council working group and its activities to hopefully get a non-selective secondary school established on what was the E-Act Burnham Park Academy site.

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- **Please refer to previous Updates given – details are not repeated here.**
- Campaign posters, boards erected around the community, leaflets dopped into majority households. We request public members to give permission to place campaign posters on your private land / shop windows. We are unable to place campaign information on Bucks County land for obvious reasons so have to rely on Parish Council land and private individuals and businesses. Public members are requested to continue distributing the message – We need a local Non-Selective Secondary School.
- RELUCTANCE – there continues to be a reluctance from some public members & parents of young children to get involved with this campaign due to (1) a belief that a similar school will return and or (2) a through school predominantly for Lent Rise children will be established.

The vision is for a brand new non-selective school with good quality management and a rich curriculum. We are canvassing for the leadership of Burnham Grammar to be involved and they are very willing to participate. The through school idea has been dropped a long time ago as an option that could simply not be pursued.

Not having a school in a community has many detrimental aspects to it and it perpetuates antisocial behaviour as is now being reported and attempts made to address this rising problem in areas like Iver (Bucks closed their secondary school some years ago). There is a loss of civic pride in the younger population. A school is at the heart of the community.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF SENDING YOUR CHILD TO MAIDENHEAD IF YOU CAN GET A GOOD LOCAL SCHOOL?

- Are parents aware that our children will end up at the bottom of the waiting lists in Maidenhead Schools due to their own rising population needs.
- Are parents aware that the coach to the Maidenhead schools will cost c£1000 per child.
- The media are keen to cover our campaign. We now urgently need personal stories from parents on how the absence of a local school is affecting them. Send them in. Talk to us.
- CATCHMENT SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN - The majority of Burnham gets the faith school - Pioneer School in Stoke Poges (formerly known as the Khalsa Secondary). A small section of Burnham gets the Bourne End Academy. The worry is that most parents do not even know!
- A separate campaign website can be found on <https://aschoolforburnham.com/>  
It helps to segregate a focus on the campaign – petition work / letters of protest and similar.
- Please read the information given on the Burnham Parish Council website-Projects-New School.. (<https://burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham>)

**SIGN THE PETITION**  
**SEND LETTERS SEND LETTERS SEND LETTERS**  
**Tell us how you can help?!**