

Notice by Brighton and Hove City Council of proposal to discontinue a School - East Brighton College of Media Arts

1. **Proposal** - Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 29(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 that Brighton and Hove City Council, the Local Education Authority, intends to discontinue (close) East Brighton College of Media Arts Wilson Avenue Brighton BN2 5PB from 31 August 2005.
2. **Alternative Schools** - There is sufficient pupil capacity in the other community secondary schools in the City to take all the pupils at East Brighton College of Media Arts if it closes in 2005.
 - (a) Every pupil already at the school will be found an appropriate secondary school place within the city. The parents of pupils already at East Brighton College of Media Arts will be consulted on preferences for alternative schools. There will also be consultation with teachers, careers advisors and the pupils concerned. The destination of such pupils will be negotiated with other secondary schools by officers of the Council taking into account the consultations carried out.
 - (b) Pupils who would have started at the school in September 2005 will be able to apply for a place at other secondary schools within the city. The process and operation of parental preference will be clearly described in the admissions booklet that will be published in September 2004.
3. **Number of School Places** - The Council is not proposing to make a permanent increase in the number of school places at any other school specifically to make places available for pupils who would have gone to East Brighton College of Media Arts as there is already sufficient pupil capacity within the City. There will be a temporary increase in capacity in some schools in years 8,9 and 10 to accommodate the pupils dispersed in 2005.
4. **Transport** - The transport arrangements which the Council proposes if East Brighton College of Media Arts is discontinued are as follows. Pupils who are at the school when it closes and transfer to other schools will become eligible for free transport from home to school. Pupils who may have gone to the school in the Autumn 2005 and live more than three miles from any community secondary school will be eligible for free home to school transport.
5. **Representations** - Within six weeks after the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending the representations to

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(It is intended to publish these proposals on Friday 5 December 2003 in which case all representations should be sent so that they are received by the Council before Saturday 17 January 2004. If there is any delay in publication, the closing date for representations will be extended to allow the full 6 week period.)

Within one month after the end of the representation period, the Council will send to the School Organisation Committee for the area copies of all representations made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the representation period, together with the Council's observations on them.

Signed **David Hawker**
Director, Children Families and Schools

Date 5th December 2003