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Laurus Grace

Alternative Provision School

Section 10 Consultation Report

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Executive Summary

Laurus Grace will be an Alternative Provision (AP) 11-16 Free School offering specialist provision for students with Social, Emotional, Emotion and/or Mental Health (SEMH) needs as well as students with Communication and/or Interaction needs. When fully open, it will provide a high-quality educational provision for 80 students. We plan to admit our first cohort of students in September 2024 within temporary accommodation, on the same site within an existing building, to address the shortage of specialist places in Stockport Local Authority. We will move towards our full cohort of 80 students when the new building is completed and occupied by the school.

The Laurus Trust believes that students who have experienced setbacks within mainstream education deserve the same educational offer as their peers. A high quality and ambitious specialist provision will be offered at Laurus Grace which will be built on two curriculum strands:

- **Academic Curriculum** – outstanding teachers and support staff will offer an ambitious core and optional academic curriculum including GCSE and BTEC qualifications.
- **Restorative Curriculum** – specialist and pastoral staff will offer a therapeutic-style curriculum offer to develop social and emotional aspects of learning and promote positive mental health.

The Department for Education selected the Laurus Trust to be the school's operator following applications in 2016. This was with the support of Stockport LA. The formal statutory Section 10 consultation ran from 24 May – 21 July 2024.

Stakeholders responded positively throughout this period, and their suggestions and comments have been considered, responded to in person and in this report, and wherever appropriate, will be incorporated into the proposals for operating the school.

Proposer Group

The Laurus Trust is a multi-academy trust with Cheadle Hulme High School (“CHHS”), the founder school, and Gorsey Bank Primary School at its centre. CHHS is a hugely oversubscribed academy converter and has been judged Outstanding in every category by Ofsted in 2011 and 2015. Gorsey Bank was judged Outstanding in every category by Ofsted in 2023.

The Trust has opened several secondary free schools: Laurus Cheadle Hulme (2018), Laurus Ryecroft (2018) and Didsbury High School (2019). These schools have all been rated as Outstanding by Ofsted during their first inspections. Converter secondary schools, Hazel Grove High School (2019) and Priestnall School (2023) have also joined the Trust.



The Laurus Trust is delighted to have been selected by Stockport Local Authority to operate the new AP free school.

Statutory Consultation

The statutory section 10 consultation commenced on 24th May 2024 and ran for 8 weeks to 21st July 2024.

Information provided to stakeholders took the following forms:

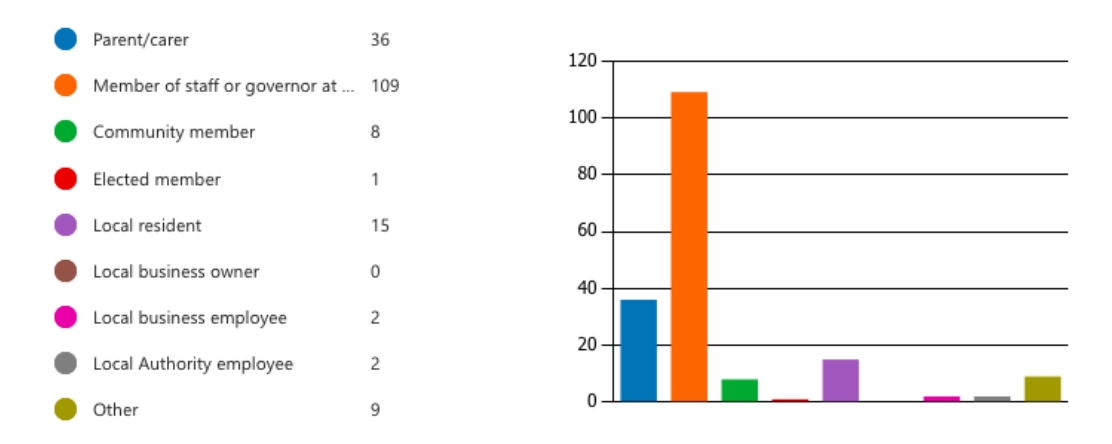
1. **A direct email** on 24th May, announcing the start of the consultation, sent to over 100 interested parties including information about the proposed school and directing them to the website page for information on how to respond to the consultation.
2. **A public consultation booklet** (please see Appendix 1). This booklet was made available in digital form and detailed the Proposer Group, key individuals, the vision, ethos and proposal for the new school and key information on the consultation process.
3. **The Laurus Trust website** carried information about the proposed school, the consultation process, a downloadable consultation booklet as well as an online questionnaire to complete. This also gave information about a public consultation drop-in event.
4. **A public drop-in event** was held at Laurus Trust offices on 8th July to give the community an opportunity to find out more about the consultation. The Executive Head, Head of School Designate and Trust senior leaders hosted the event for two hours. Information about the school was on display and staff were available to answer questions.
5. **A Stockport Secondary Heads Consortium consultation** – The Head of School Designate attended a meeting on 26th June 2024 to consult about the proposed school. This meeting was attended by all heads of mainstream secondary schools (or their representatives), heads of specialist AP provisions in Stockport (Pendlebury Centre and Highfields College) and the Director of Education for Stockport LA.

Stakeholders

A range of relevant stakeholders were consulted, including:

- Headteachers, governors and staff at all Stockport primary and secondary schools;
- Headteachers and staff at Specialist Schools and AP schools in Stockport and neighbouring areas;
- Local parents and carers;
- Local MPs representing the school constituency and neighbouring ones;
- Elected Councillors in the Hazel Grove ward where the proposed school is located as well as the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education;
- Local community church groups;
- Relevant employees of Stockport Council;
- Specialist SEND colleagues for Stockport Council; and
- Local residents and local community groups.

A broad range of responses were received from across these stakeholders, with the majority being staff working at schools within Stockport:



Statutory consultation results

182 consultation questionnaire responses were received with answers to the following questions.

Do you agree that the Laurus Trust vision and ethos of the school meets the needs of the young people?

● Yes	139
● No	24
● Unsure	19



Do you agree that opening the proposed school will meet the need for additional specialist school places in Stockport?

● Yes	143
● No	23
● Unsure	16



Should the Laurus Trust set up this new free school?

● Yes	149
● No	18
● Unsure	15



Are there facilities you would like the school to offer the local community?

● Use of sports facilities	142
● Use of rooms/hall	75
● Any other services?	31



The following pages include a representative sample of free text comments associated with each consultation question.

Do you agree that the Laurus Trust vision and ethos of the school meets the needs of the young people?
The Laurus Trust are unashamedly academic for ALL students, and the SEND and SEMH department work tirelessly to support all their students to achieve. (Community member)
Laurus Grace appears to be addressing a much-needed gap in support services, despite practical challenges such as a lack of funding. It's important that young people with additional social, emotional or mental health needs, do not become left behind in their education and development. I feel that Laurus Grace is addressing this. (Local resident)
This provision is clearly required in the local area given the lack of appropriate alternatives. The provision would make an enormous difference to our wider community. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
I think the Laurus Trust have a proven track record of opening and operating new schools that provide additional places and choice for parents. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The Laurus Trust believes all young people regardless of background or circumstance should be supported to meet and set their own aspirational goals. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
I think it will be a great addition to the alternative provision that Stockport seems to be lacking in offer. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
All Laurus Trust Schools provide young people regardless of their background or circumstance the opportunity to be inspired and thrive in all environments. As a member of staff in a Laurus Trust School for five years, I have witnessed first hand this vision and ethos being followed and have seen the successful implementation of this in a range of school settings. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The Laurus Trust cares deeply about all students and has high aspirations for everyone. They are passionate about ensure that all students get the same opportunities regardless of background or circumstance. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The ethos of high aspiration for all learners, regardless of background and opening up rich opportunities for their futures. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Inclusive and aspiration vision for all students, regardless of background. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Everything they do is student focused and is about closing the gap between those children who have and those who don't. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

They go above and beyond to provide education for children in the way that they need. I believe that they truly have the best interests on their students at the heart of everything they do. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Seeing the progress students with additional needs make at Laurus Trusts schools and the support they offer makes me excited for how much of an impact a specialist provision run by the Laurus Trust can provide. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The Laurus Trust vision is ambition for all and 'unashamedly academic'. This ethos ensures that the curriculum and education of Laurus students is ambitious and provides them with powerful knowledge and opportunity. (Other)
I hear nothing but good things about the way Laurus schools support young people with SEND! (Parent/Carer)
Students with significant SEMH and safeguarding needs cannot always respond to an 'unashamedly academic' ethos. These young people can present a real and active risk to their own wellbeing, and sometimes do not have the capacity to manage academic expectations - regardless of their ability. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
This type of School should have a greater footprint and be in a quieter area away from the large Senior School right next to it and on an already busy road surrounded by residential properties. (Other)
The trust has grown too big, too quickly. (Other)
I feel that the trust motto of 'unashamedly academic', alienates a large percentage of children. What about the children who aren't very academic, but are skilled in many other areas?? Unashamedly inclusive may be a better motto. (Parent/Carer)
I appreciate they are a hardworking school but the ethos of "Unashamedly Academic" I feel should not be allowed. It gives the impression that if you are not a high-flying student then you don't fit their ethos. (Parent/Carer)

Do you agree that opening the proposed school will meet the need for additional specialist school places in Stockport?
As one of the planning committee members, I supported this application. (Elected member)
There is an obvious need for more specialist schools in Stockport. (Local Resident)
There is currently a lack of support for young people with additional needs. Laurus Grace will provide the support for those who are at risk of missing out on their education. (Local Resident)
Having read the consultation, I believe this is a perfect opportunity to develop a school for SEMH learners. What a very exciting time for all - parents, learners, Laurus staff and the community. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
I am the headteacher of a local secondary school and chair of the Stockport Fair Access Panel. It has been clear for several years that Stockport has been in dire need of additional AP capacity, and I fully support Laurus in their drive to open this new facility. I have every faith that

they will do so most effectively, and provide a great service to vulnerable young people as well as to local schools. Laurus has my full support in this venture. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The Laurus Trust has extremely inclusive practices that always put the child and their development first and centre in all decision-making. I am confident the specialist provision will be effective and beneficial for the local authority and all the children served in the local community. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Since Covid, we need more specialist school places in Stockport to ensure the needs of all young people in Stockport are met. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
There is a huge lack of spaces in specialist provision like this. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Opening an additional SEMH provision in Stockport will benefit families and students' from across the borough. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
I'm not sure if will fully meet the need, but it will go a long way to doing so. The LA has a great need for more alternative provision that can meet the needs of some students. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Currently, schools are struggling with the increasingly high demand being placed on under resourced SEND departments and staff. Despite best efforts this can mean vulnerable young people are either going without or having to wait a long time to receive the support they need, therefore further affecting wellbeing and academic progress. A school like Laurus Grace is exactly what the young people of Stockport need. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
With the increase in need nationally, there are not enough specialist places available and students are struggling in mainstream. The additional places that Laurus Grace will be able to provide will hugely impact the students accessing them, but also the students that will remain in the mainstream school with improved capacity. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Stockport and its pupils are very lucky to have such a school as Laurus Grace. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
It takes places from existing provisions with already small numbers and potentially fatally undermines them. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
I don't think the proposed provision will resolve the crisis in our schools. Needs to be more opened. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
This offer should not duplicate PRU offers already available in Stockport. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
As above too small an area to provide the needs for this type of School for the obvious amount of children that Stockport and the surrounding area is in need of. (Other)
Placing an additional needs school right next to a peaceful neighbourhood with several elderly folk as neighbours of the proposed site is likely to cause risk to themselves and their property from immature behaviour that will likely be exhibited by said students of the proposed special school. (Other)

There is a significant need for another specialist school in Stockport but Laurus should in no way be involved. The school needs empathy which Laurus lack. (Parent/Carer)

I think it will, but there won't be enough places. (Parent/Carer)

Should the Laurus Trust set up this new free school?

The Laurus Trust have made a genuine success of every school they have set up. I would feel confident sending my child to Laurus Grace, in the knowledge that they would get the very best education. (Community Member)

All of their schools across the borough are well operated, so pleased to see this school being opened by them. (Local Business)

The Laurus Trust has an impeccable track record of opening schools from the ground up and have the experience and capacity to ensure Laurus Grace is an outstanding provider. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

Yes, the Laurus Trust has successfully opened other free schools which have promoted the ethos of the Trust, this free school will offer valuable placements for young people with significant SEND. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

They are experienced in setting up free schools, and have excellent existing Inclusion departments in all their schools. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

They're renowned reputation for supporting disadvantaged students, and the ability to alleviate the stress on mainstream high schools to try and support those that need specialist education. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

As stated above, with the growing mental health crisis and issues around identity and the influences of social media on anxiety, there is a need for more specialist schools who set out to bridge the gap in provision for students struggling to fit into mainstream education. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

The success of their three other outstanding free schools speaks for itself. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

The Laurus Trust is a recognised education provider who offers outstanding education and support. It has the knowledge and expertise to respond to this need. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

The Laurus Trust has a track record that shows they do the best for their students. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

It will be great to have an AP with a rigorous academic ethos, closely tied in with the restorative curriculum. (Staff/Governor at Local School)

There is a huge deficit in Specialist Provision nationally and it is vital that young people with additional needs have the option to attend a setting that best meets their needs. There is a

prevalent lack of such settings and therefore it is crucial that the Laurus Trust are responding to this need through opening Laurus Grace. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Laurus Grace will provide an incomparable education for its students. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
All additional SEND or SEMH support is welcome. (Parent/Carer)
As previously mentioned, there is a need for more provision. (Parent/Carer)
There are already interventions within the area and there will be a conflict of interest especially as your current students feed into these existing settings. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Not if it is only going to provide what is already on offer at the current Pru's in Stockport. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Any offer should not duplicate PRU offers already available in Stockport. A key need is KS3 SEMH students who are not able to access mainstream successfully who need full time, single registered places. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
The trust is not right for this school. (Other)
The Poor SEND experiences with many SEND children who have attended many of the Laurus trust schools have been failed buy their attitude and non understanding nature towards children with behaviour need / (Parent/Carer)
Laurus are all about academic results and not at all concerned about nurture and empathy. (Parent/Carer)
Someone should, I would prefer someone other than Laurus. (Parent/Carer)

Are there facilities you would like the school to offer the local community?
Parenting courses to support those families struggling with boundaries and routine. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Opportunities to build links with the local community will be vital to the success of the school. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Offering sports facilities may bring members of the community together. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Social groups for parents and children with SEND. Training opportunities for the local community. (Parents/Carers)
Services to parents of SEN students regarding transitioning from year 11 to college. Offer a space for parents of SEN children to get together, have a chat and unwind in a safe environment. (Parents/Carers)
As there are an abundance of sport facilities at Hazel grove High school and the swimming pool. Rugby pitches at the Rugby club, and Chester Rd & Richmond Rovers football field. I cannot see that there would be any facilities within this project that would be of any value to the local community. (Local Resident)
The local community should absolutely not be given access to any of the facilities. Firstly there are already existing facilities on site which are used by the local community. It would cause disruption and disturbance to local residents and increase traffic out of normal school hours. (Local Resident)
They already offer the use of sports facilities to the local community. (Staff/Governor at Local School)
Definitely NOT as I believe at an early meeting with residents they were told that no facilities would be used after School hours as the High School had the necessary sports facilities which were already in use. If any facilities were to be used after School hours the nearest residents would be deprived of any quiet time or privacy at any time of the day. (Other)

Statutory consultation response summary

Should the Laurus Trust set up this new free school?

All 182 respondents answered this question and 80% were fully supportive of Laurus Trust setting up the new free school. We note the full support from the Stockport Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education who is also a councillor of the ward that the school will be located in.

Other responses to this question were related to a perception of the Trust ethos, the perceived competition for referrals, and an opinion that the Trust does not understand SEND and behaviour.

The following responses are offered by the Laurus Trust:

Interpretation of an “Unashamedly Academic” Ethos

76% of respondents agree that the Laurus Trust vision and ethos of the school meets the needs of the young people.

Several responses from the 13% who answered “no” to this question commented on the strapline of ‘Unashamedly Academic’ and how this could align with a specialist provision like Laurus Grace. Our opinion is that “Unashamedly academic” has been misinterpreted - as some respondents have associated this with an elitist, academically focused notion, perhaps being directly opposed to an inclusive approach to education. This could not be further from the truth. “Unashamedly academic” refers to offering a high-quality level of teaching and learning to promote success for students and offering a strong curriculum. It is further explained through the statement ‘Professional learning for our staff is at the heart of our organisational culture: it is the bedrock of what we do and what we stand for.’

The Trust is proud of the provision offered to SEND students, and the high quality SEND offer is recognised in all recent Ofsted inspections and from external Educational Psychologist professionals.

“Pupils with SEND thrive” **Laurus Cheadle Hulme Ofsted inspection March 2023**

“Pupils, including those with special educational needs, enjoy the purposeful and supportive learning opportunities that they receive.” **Laurus Ryecroft Ofsted inspection January 2023**

“The school has robust processes to identify the additional needs that pupils may have. Staff are adept at using the information that they receive about pupils’ needs when they design learning activities. This helps pupils with SEND to learn the curriculum well alongside their peers.” **Didsbury High School Ofsted Inspection January 2024**

“I cannot thank the school, staff and the SEN department for the care, support, strategies, awareness and understanding they’ve afforded my child and his needs, as well as our concerns and support of him. Thank you so much!” **Y11 Parent feedback following review meeting, Cheadle Hulme High School**

“Meetings are always well organised and communication is clear. My questions are answered fully and promptly. KASH reports , parents' evening , EHCP reviews and the MCAS app ensure I am informed about progress. My son had a good year 7 and has now fully settled in and is enjoying Y8. He is really well supported at school and as a result is making good progress. The communication from school is excellent. I am kept informed and if I have a question the response is always prompt. Thank you for everything you do to support my son reach his potential in school.” **Y8 Parent feedback following review meeting, Laurus Cheadle Hulme**

Further testimonials [here](#) demonstrate positive feedback from parents about the SEND provision across other Laurus Trust schools.

Staff working at Laurus Grace will have enhanced levels of training, skills and knowledge and will follow a nurturing inclusive approach as outlined within the Education Brief submitted to the Department for Education.

Local demand for specialist placements

78% of respondents agree that opening the proposed school will meet the need for additional specialist school places in Stockport, and a number of respondents commented that adding this school to the educational landscape will be a positive thing.

“Currently, schools are struggling with the increasingly high demand being placed on under resourced SEND departments and staff. Despite best efforts this can mean vulnerable young people are either going without or having to wait a long time to receive the support they need, therefore further affecting wellbeing and academic progress. A school like Laurus Grace is exactly what the young people of Stockport need.” (Staff/Governor at Local School)

12% responded “no” to this question and some made the point that they feel that Laurus Grace could create an element of competition with other specialist providers in the borough which could put them at risk.

“This offer should not duplicate PRU offers already available in Stockport” (Staff/Governor at Local School).

The demand for specialist places was outlined during the initial application which was approved in 2016; the pressure on places has increased significantly since then. The Trust has worked closely with Heads of Secondary School in Stockport and consulted with the Headteachers of Pendlebury Centre and Highfields College. Pressure on places at these providers continues to increase and there is a low risk that Laurus Grace would divert pupils away from them. The same referral process has been agreed, which means that there is strategic oversight of which students attend which provisions. The Trust is also collaborating on a model to offer long-term placements to students that have attended Pendlebury Centre or Highfields College for an assessment placement. There is no competition between providers and the Trust will continue to work in partnership with them to create the best offer for the students of Stockport; responding to the increasing complexity of need being experienced in mainstream schools.

Site location and facilities

Some of the comments within the Section 10 consultation relate to the location of the school and the planning processes.

Many of the people that attended the drop in consultation event were also local residents who shared questions and concerns about the location of the building. Such concerns sit outside the scope of a Section 10 consultation. The Trust has already consulted with local residents as part of the planning application, and will continue to work with local residents to manage the impact of the building on them. Planning permission was granted in Summer 2023. Leaflets to local residents have been used as updates to the project have occurred and it is our intention to continue to work positively with our neighbours.

'As one of the planning committee members, I supported this application.' (Elected member)

The majority of respondents to the question asked for use of sports facilities as part of a community agreement. Nearly half of respondents talked about the use of rooms/hall.

Through the planning process the Trust was transparent about the limitations of the space, particularly in relation to sports facilities. The sports hall has very limited dimensions and will not be suitable for any sports as it does not accommodate sports matches. The grassed football pitch would only accommodate five-a-side football. The location of the school next to Hazel Grove High School also means that there is a strong community offer and sports facilities are already well utilised. As part of the Laurus Grace build, enhanced tennis courts and sports facilities are being built on the land of Hazel Grove High School, further improving their community offer.

As part of the planning outcome one condition is that community use is offered. However, we will be very mindful of the feedback received and work closely with our neighbours to ensure minimal impact whilst fulfilling any planning regulations.

Conclusion and next steps

There has been extensive consultation with a wide range of relevant stakeholders, and feedback has been predominantly positive with high levels of support from the Local Authority and from local schools. The Trust has listened to concerns and will ensure ongoing communication with the local community as building work progresses.

It is hoped that the feedback given in person and within this report will offer some reassurance about how the Trust vision and ethos will align within an AP provision, and how by working closely with existing specialist schools in Stockport, Laurus Grace will provide the much-needed additional specialist places for students in Stockport. The Trust will continue to work with other schools in the area to ensure a well thought out admission procedure will

ensure appropriate placement.

All those involved in Laurus Grace and the Laurus Trust would like to thank the stakeholders who have taken the time to participate in this consultation. The Trust will now begin the process of agreeing a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education.

Appendix 1 – Consultation Booklet



Context

Laurus Grace will be an Alternative Provision 11-16 Free School offering specialist provision for students with Social, Emotional, Emotion and/or Mental Health (SEMH) needs as well as young people with Communication and/or Interaction needs. When fully occupied it will provide a high-quality education for 80 students.

We will build upon the outstanding provision within Laurus Trust mainstream secondary schools, to develop a high quality and ambitious curriculum for our students that aligns with our Trust Vision.

We believe that students who have experienced setbacks within mainstream education deserve the same educational offer as their peers. This will be realised within a specialist provision through two curriculum strands:

Academic Curriculum
Outstanding teachers and support staff will offer an ambitious core and optional academic curriculum including GCSE and BTEC qualifications.

Restorative Curriculum
Specialist and pastoral staff will offer a therapeutic-style curriculum offer to develop social and emotional aspects of learning and promote positive mental health

Our vision is for students to achieve academic success and be able to move successfully to their next phase of education, training, or employment. At the same time our approach will support the development of SEMH needs to allow students to become well-rounded individuals with transferable interpersonal skills.

Vision and Ethos

Laurus Grace has been designed to meet the needs of a broad range of SEMH needs aligning with a hope that students can attend a school in their locality, regardless of their needs.

The school will fully align with the Laurus Trust vision:

‘For everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, to be inspired, to thrive in all environments, to recognise what it takes to succeed, to set aspirational goals and work hard to achieve them.’

The key belief of Laurus is that the all-round educational attainment of individual students is substantially promoted by their participation in a whole range of activities, not just classroom based academic ones. Within our ‘specialist offer’, the wider focus is on personal development, emotional regulation, and communication skills to inspire students towards self-improvement.

We wish to achieve self-worth for every child by being unashamedly academic, unapologetically aspirational and by having uncompromising standards.

- *Uncompromising standards* - Constantly strive for excellence in every domain in every aspect of what we do.
- *Unapologetically aspirational* - Culture as strategy. A focus on a school culture of universally high expectations.
- *Unashamedly academic: A focus on developing Powerful Knowledge with emphasis on student/pupil attainment.* Prominence placed on staff Professional Learning and Development. We will develop and grow our own.

Many of the students who will attend Laurus Grace will have a broad range of SEMH needs potentially influenced by early childhood development and relational trauma. Some may have special educational needs that have not been previously recognised. All are likely to have experienced challenges and perceived failure within the mainstream school environment. As such we will take an innovative approach to promoting engagement with learning and positive behaviour management.

Admission to the school will be via a referral from their existing school made via the Stockport Secondary Panel for Inclusion (SPI) where the panel will decide the appropriateness of a placement at Laurus Grace. All Key Stage 3 placements will be dualled rolled with their current school.



The Laurus Trust

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The trust has opened five new free schools to date, all of which are oversubscribed.

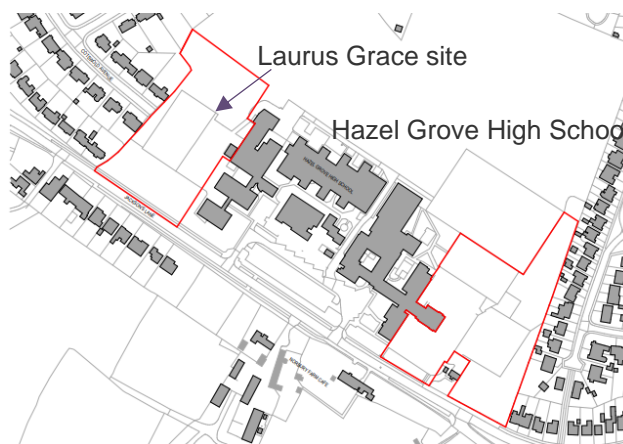
School	Local Authority	Year Opened	Ofsted Rating
Laurus Cheadle Hulme	Stockport	2018	Outstanding (2023)
Laurus Ryecroft	Tameside	2018	Outstanding (2023)
Cheadle Hulme Primary School	Stockport	2018	Good (2023)
Didsbury High School	Manchester	2019	Outstanding (2024)
Woodford Primary School	Stockport	2022	Not yet inspected

We are delighted to have been selected by the Department for Education to operate a new Alternative Provision Free School, Laurus Grace in Stockport.



Site Proposal for Laurus Grace

The site for Laurus Grace is on Jackson's Lane, Hazel Grove and is adjacent to Hazel Grove High School. Planning permission for the school was granted in the Summer of 2023 taking into account feedback during the planning application consultation. Building work is due to begin in 2024/25.



The building will be a new-build construction and will therefore be designed specifically to meet the needs of the students and staff. It will have separate teaching areas for the different phases and additionally contain an array of ancillary teaching and administration rooms plus facilities for dining, play, communal occupation and outdoor spaces.

Specialist rooms / areas include:

- *Science lab*
- *Technology/engineering suite*
- *Dining and Life Skills social spaces*
- *SEN classrooms*
- *Grass 5-a-side football area*
- *Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)*
- *Sports Hall*
- *Fitness Suite*



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