

Key themes from consultation responses	School Response
Single sex schools have better results than mixed schools.	There is no data to support this assertion. Progress 8 scores show a wide range of performance levels amongst both mixed and single-sex grammar schools.
Boys and girls benefit from a different teaching style.	There is no evidence to support this assertion.
Boys/girls of some religions need to attend single-sex schools.	<p>We are a non-denominational school which is welcoming and inclusive of all, regardless of faith, belief and background. We are proactively inclusive of all groups, across our student and staff community. We recognise that there are a small number of groups that would prefer single-sex schools to mixed schools, a concern raised by a small number of respondents; however, as a Trust we are committed to being an inclusive educator and employer by enabling all students and employees to utilise the same facilities, take part in the same activities and experiences, regardless of whether or not they are disabled, whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin, national status, gender or sexual orientation.</p> <p>We are committed to continuing to foster mutual respect and good relations between all genders. Our school is already mixed in our successful Sixth Form and moving co-ed from Year 7 would provide a consistent all through secondary education experience. Furthermore, it is worth noting that there will still be one boys' and one girls' grammar school in Medway.</p>
Girls would be a distraction to boys during puberty (and vice versa), and create additional social pressures.	Mixed schools mirror a society where all genders work and socialise well together. There are numerous mixed schools where all genders work very well together. A co-education prepares young people with the skills, tools and experience to thrive in both work and society beyond school. Holcombe's high quality of teaching and learning, as well as its robust behaviour policy, ensure that all children can learn in a calm and productive classroom environment regardless of gender.
This will put additional pressure on the remaining single sex schools and lead them to oversubscribe more heavily.	This would only be an issue if significant numbers of parents applied to these schools; however, the relatively low number of parents expressing concern about this indicates that this would not be an issue.
Does this solve the problem of Medway children not getting places in Medway schools?	Alongside this proposal, adjustments are also planned to be made to the Medway Test pass mark, allowing more Medway students to pass the test. Together, these measures are expected to support more children within Medway to attend Medway schools.
There are already plenty of mixed schools in Medway.	There is only one mixed Grammar school in