

Additional teachers for Downs School

The Downs School, Compton, is to have the additional teachers required for a full intake of 150 pupils next September, even though fewer new pupils are expected.

This will enable the school to provide a full range of courses from the start of the reorganisation of West Berkshire secondary schools on comprehensive lines.

The county council have also agreed to Turnpike County School being staffed on a five-form entry level (150 new pupils each year) even in the event of this new intake being lower than 150.

The Downs, Turnpike, Park House, Shaw House and John O'Gaunt, Hungerford, Schools are due to become 11-16 comprehensives next September, with St. Bartholomew's and Newbury County Girls' Schools combining to form an 11-18 comprehensive. Kennet School at Thatcham is already a comprehensive school.

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