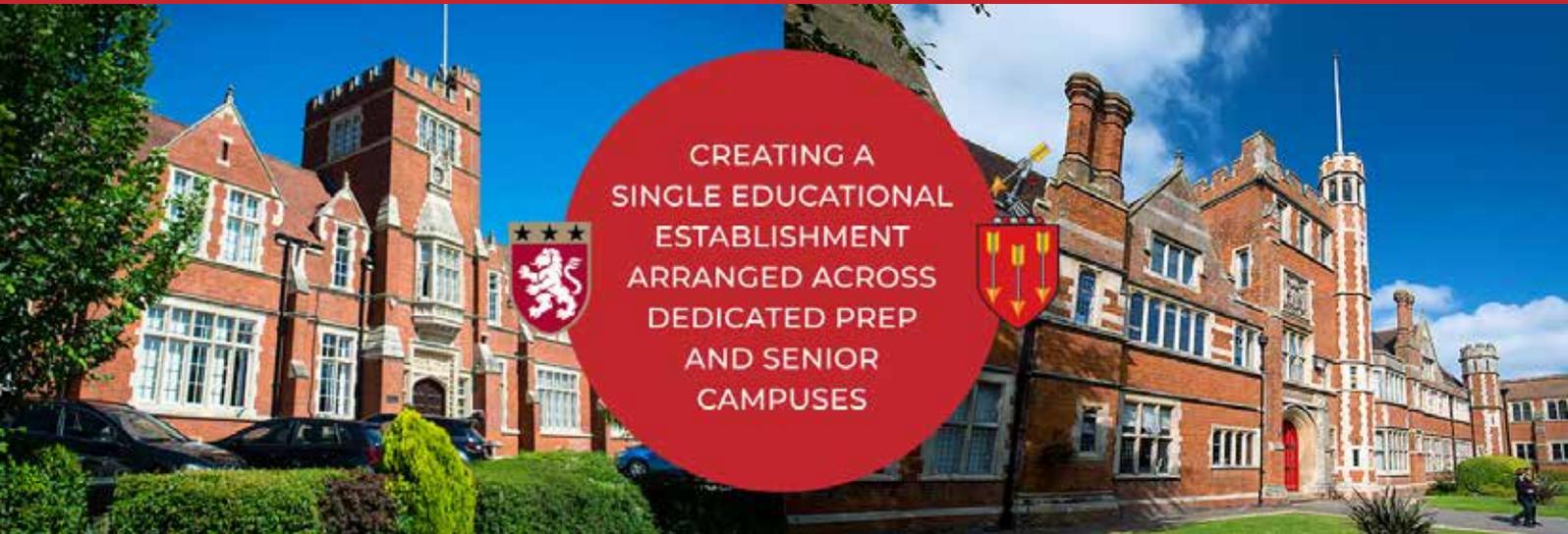


# COVENTRY SCHOOL

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## A NAME FOR OUR NEW CHAPTER

Welcome to the first issue of our half-termly newsletter, updating you on the progress of our new school. We understand that many people have been surprised by our decision to merge Bablake and King Henry VIII schools, and we have also had a good deal of support for our proposal.

The reason we did not put our proposal out to consultation is explained in full on our project website [here](#). In short, to have put the decision to create Coventry School out to a wider consultation would have meant delaying important decisions and causing more uncertainty. By establishing a Project Steering Committee for Coventry

School that includes the governing body and the Heads from across our Foundation, we have ensured that each school has been involved in reaching this collective decision.

For a period in the 1970s our schools were collectively known as Coventry School. It was this historical fact – outlined in an excellent article by our Bablake archivist and King Henry VIII historian [here](#) – that led us to suggest Coventry School as the holding name for the new school.

Our naming consultation is your opportunity to tell us what the permanent name for the new school should be. The only names that the Foundation is determined to

maintain for the next chapter

of our history are Bablake and King Henry VIII, which we had hoped to use to denote the new school's senior and prep campuses respectively. However, if you have other suggestions for how we can retain these important names please share them with us.

- Stage 1 of the consultation provides an opportunity for you to suggest a main school name, and names for our prep campus at King Henry VIII and senior campus at Bablake. Stage 1 closes on 16 November at 5pm.
- Stage 2 will take the form of a poll where you will be asked to vote on a shortlist of names.
- We will then work with a stakeholder focus group, and our Bablake school archivist and King Henry VIII historian on a shortlist of branding options, which you will have the opportunity to vote on in Stage 3.

Share your school name ideas with us  
Click [here](#) to go straight to the consultation survey

### OUR SHARED HISTORY

We're delighted that our Bablake school archivist, Peter Burden, and King Henry VIII historian, Rob Phillips, have joined forces to provide us with a fascinating account of our schools' shared history. For example, did you know that after the Coventry Blitz of 1940, Bablake evacuated to Lincoln? Or that in 1941 an agreement was drawn up for 61 Bablake boys not wishing to move to Lincoln, to transfer to King Henry's? Read more at this [link](#).

### PROJECT FAQs

We're updating the Frequently Asked Questions on our project website in response to your questions and comments. Please take a look at this [link](#) where you'll find FAQs, with newly added entries identified by date.

**Thank you and please do continue to send your project questions to [welcomed@coventryschool.org](mailto:welcomed@coventryschool.org)**

**PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR NAME SUGGESTIONS BY MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 5PM**