



Estates Vision 2021 – 2026

Introduction

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust, based in rural Gloucestershire, has a wonderful mix of historic buildings and fabulous new facilities. We will invest £1m over the next five years to ensure that we continue to provide an evermore stimulating environment to support the learning and curiosity of our pupils from ages 2 – 19.

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust includes:

- **Berkeley Primary School**, in Berkeley, Gloucestershire, a modern and vibrant primary school serving a close knit community.
- **Cam Woodfield Junior School**, in Cam, Gloucestershire, a Junior School providing a rich learning environment in their beautiful rural setting.
- **Marling School**, in Stroud, an 11-16 Grammar School for boys with a highly successful co-educational Sixth Form. Marling School was founded in 1887 and comprises grade two listed buildings sitting alongside state-of-the-art modern facilities.
- **Beacon Secondary School**, a recently approved 11-16 free school in the south of the city of Gloucester, providing new choice in a rapidly growing area of the historic city. Planned opening September 2025.
- Current pupil population = 1,534.

Our priorities

- Developing our school estates around the needs of our exceptional pupils and staff.
- Creating outstanding teaching and learning spaces, both indoors and outside.
- Enhancing the pupil experience.
- Working with local partners to provide collaborative spaces.
- Protecting our heritage.
- Promoting innovation in energy efficiency and use of our environment.
- Improving the resilience and capacity of our digital estate.
- Planning accessible, flexible spaces to safeguard our pupils and to provide safe and healthy spaces for our pupils and staff now and in the future.

Key challenges

- Availability of funding to allocate to capital projects and routine maintenance. Limitations of CIF (Condition Improvement Fund) for the smaller Multi Academy Trust.
- Subject and Pastoral growth demanding increasingly specialist facilities.
- Historic buildings requiring specialist maintenance and in need of internal remodelling for the modern curriculum.
- Modern buildings reaching end-of-life.
- Shared use buildings and grounds requiring innovative solutions to maintain capacity.
- Delivering infrastructure and buildings to maximise the potential of the Trust estate.

As a growing Trust we will build sustainability into the development and planning of our estates, ensuring our schools continue to meet the needs of educating the young people in our communities.