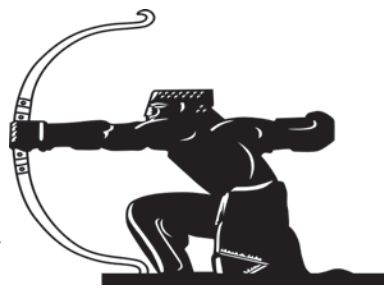




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School offers new hope over shortage of places

By Neil McNaughton

Christ's College Finchley, the 160-year-old school in East End Road, is asking for reactions to a plan to introduce girls throughout the school; in short, to go co-educational. Girls are already admitted into the sixth form, but if the proposals come to fruition, girls will be admitted into year seven from September 2018 onwards. The aim is to become fully co-ed by 2023.

It is understood that this policy has been developed both to broaden the scope of the school, but also as a reaction to growing demand for secondary places in this part of the borough.

Consultation closes soon

The consultation document states that the educational objectives and ethos of the school will not change, saying: "Christ's College Finchley will be a school where boys and girls work, study and collaborate together to develop their talents and interests and achieve excellence as they transition into adulthood."

The first public meeting took place on 16 May, when residents were able to offer their views. Anyone can take part in the consultation by going to the website, <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk> and searching for 'Christ's College'. The consultation is scheduled to end on 14 June.

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All together now: Faces and fun from last year's summer festival. Photo montage by Mike Coles

Summer festival: free, fun and for everyone

By Roger Chapman

It's nearly time! Sunday 25 June is the date for the East Finchley Community Festival in Cherry Tree Wood from 12 noon to 6pm... and it's all coming together.

There will be two stages, a full line-up of bands and community entertainment, a parade celebrating 150 years of the coming of the railway to East Finchley, storytelling, a bouncy castle, mega slides, a climbing wall and free tennis sessions on the courts.

The park will be populated by 80 craft and local community

stalls, food stalls, a bar, our visiting owls, brilliant people and a brilliant atmosphere. Join us for a great afternoon of entertainment, meet old friends and make new ones.

A walk-on part for you?

The event including the parade is being filmed this year by our friends the Finchley Film Makers. They will have a

stall on the day so if you don't wish to feature in the film pop along and let them know. If you do want to be filmed, also pop along and let them know!

Volunteers to help out on the day would be very welcome, selling raffle tickets, stewarding, litter picking or one of many other jobs that need doing. Please come along to the information tent and let us know or drop us an email to festival@myEastFinchley.org.uk

This is East Finchley's Community Festival, for the many, not the few, and all run by local volunteers. Keep up to date with more information on our website www.myeastfinchley.org.uk.

Turn to page 4 for the entertainment line up

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