

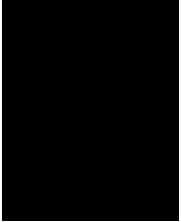


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I am delighted to tell you that the Secretary of State has decided that your application to establish Harpenden Free School should proceed to the next stage of the Free Schools process. This marks a significant step on the journey to opening your school, and reflects the confidence we have in your vision.

I want to thank you for the great commitment and energy which you and your colleagues have shown in developing your application so far. We will appoint a contact for you from the Department and they will be in touch very shortly to confirm what happens next and to outline any conditions that may be linked to the progression of your project. You should not take any formal steps until you hear from them.

I very much look forward to hearing news of the continued progress of your application.

I am informing the relevant MP and local authority.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Hill'.

JONATHAN HILL