

Title: Devon Studio School

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Impact Assessment – Section 9 Academies Act Duty

1. Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 (later as amended by the Education Act 2011) places on duty on the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the institution would likely be on maintained schools, Academies, institutions within the further education sector and alternative provision in the area in which the institution is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school.
2. We have carried out an Impact Assessment (see Annex B1) which concludes that the impact on most local secondary schools and sixth form institutions should be minimal to moderate. No local school is at a high general risk of losing a significant number of pupils.
3. We wrote to Devon County Council and Torbay Council seeking their views on the plans to open the Studio School, but we have not received responses.
4. The assessment has concluded that the Studio School will have a minimal to moderate overall impact on the majority of the surrounding schools and sixth form institutions. However the secondary school population is forecast to rise by 2.8% between 2011/12 and 2017/18, so any potential negative impact may be mitigated by an increased demand for secondary school places in the local area.
5. We conclude that it is appropriate for the Secretary of State to enter into a Funding Agreement with Devon Health Studio Trust in light of the possible impacts on the basis that:
 - A. The additional school will be likely to improve standards in the area;
 - B. There are forecast increases in the secondary school population in Torbay in the longer term, and;

The additional school will give parents greater choice and will offer something different to existing schools. It will specialise in Health, Social Care and Early Years and offer an extended school day.

Annex B1 – Impact Assessment

Secondary Schools

School name	School Type	Capacity	Attainment in 2012	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
Torquay Girls Grammar School	Academy Converter	877 Surplus of 3.1% in 2011/12.	98%	Outstanding	Minimal. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long-term viability of the school.
Torquay Boys Grammar School	Academy Converter	1160 Surplus of 4.2% in 2011/12.	100%	Outstanding	Minimal. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long-term viability of the school.
Torquay Academy	Academy Sponsor Led	Data unavailable	No KS4 Data – opened in 2012	Not Yet Inspected Opened in 2012	Unable to assess
St Cuthbert Mayne School	Voluntary Aided School	1106 Surplus of 2.8% in 2011/12	46%	Good	Moderate. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Westlands School	Foundation School	1492 Surplus of 13.1% in 2011/12	44%	Good	Moderate. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.

Post 16/ Further Education Colleges

School name	Ofsted grade	Number of Learners aged 16 - 18	Proportion of Learners aged 16 - 19	Average Point Score per Student 2012	Impact rating
South Devon College	Outstanding	2580	47.1%	595.1	Minimal. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long-term viability of the school.
Bicton College	Satisfactory	549	32.9%	489.8	Minimal. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long-term viability of the school.
Exeter College	Good	4333	65.4%	699.6	Minimal. The Studio School is unlikely to affect the long-term viability of the school.