

WELCOME  
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HEAD OF EDUCATION





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## SWINDON – PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

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## Once a teacher .....

- Swindon was a stone/bronze/iron age settlement.
- The Romans settled in Swindon in Old Town/Wanborough/Tadpole Farm (Durocornovium)
- Saxons lived in "Old Town" Swindon probably naming it "Pig Hill" in the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> century.
- Odin the Chamberlain is named in the Domesday book as a Norman/Saxon/Pict landowner.
- Swindon first had MPs in 1295/1832/1945
- By 1705, Swindon's population was 625/6250/17847 with stonecutting being the major industry



## Once a teacher .....

- The Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal came to Swindon in 1806 which doubled/trebled/quadrupled the population.
- The railway came to Swindon in 1841 built by the famous engineer -----
- The M4 motorway came to Swindon in -----
- In 1901, 45,000 people lived in the town and by 1961 it was nearly -----
- Who was Don Rogers?
- What was banned in Swindon in 2008?



## THE VISION

**For every child, irrespective of background, to fulfil their potential through the best education possible**

- Our commitment is to champion excellence so that "Every school should be at least a good school" and a high percentage of schools should be judged to be outstanding.
- Our vision is that educational achievement should be amongst the best nationally at every phase of education with all pupils equipped to be lifelong learners



## SWINDON EDUCATION PRESENT

- 81 schools – 63 primary (incl' infant/junior): 10 secondary: 1 UTC: 1 all through academy:
- 6 special schools (plus 14 specialist resource units)
- 92% of primary schools good or outstanding
- 7 out of 11 (12) secondary schools good with re-brokering of all schools below good.
- 2 FE Colleges – one graded good and one outstanding
- Standards – primary at national average (writing blip last year though!) : secondary below national average (net outflow of higher attaining pupils to Wiltshire and Gloucestershire grammar schools)
- Swindon Challenge Board




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## SWINDON EDUCATION

Current key areas of focus are:

- Disadvantaged pupils (incl' LAC)
- More able
- Vulnerable pupils
- Raising aspirations
- Improving inspection outcomes especially in secondary phase




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## SWINDON EDUCATION SUCCESSES

- Many excellent leaders and teachers providing high quality education
- Uplands TES school of the year
- White Horse Very successful academy chain
- Brookfield Pri' Curriculum excellence
- Swindon Excellence Awards




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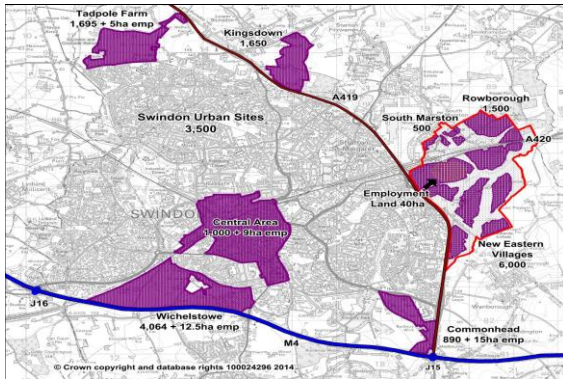
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## SWINDON EDUCATION

- High level of support for all types of schools and a strong supporter of academization & free schools
- One of the highest proportion of academy schools in a local authority
- Imperative to involve high quality sponsors in the creation of our new schools for the future
- Rapidly expanding population and a need for more new schools



## New provision

- Church of England Free School – 7FE opening September 2018 at Wichelstowe
- Great Western Academy – 5FE opening September 2018 at Tadpole Farm (planned increase to 7FE by September 2021).
- 10FE secondary school required in New Eastern Villages (2022).
- 2FE Primary School at Tadpole Farm (2018)
- 2FE Primary School at Abbey Farm (2019/2020)
- 2FE Primary School at Kingsdown (2020)
- 1FE expansion of South Marston (2017)
- 4/5 2FE Primary Schools in the New Eastern Villages (2017 to 2022)
- 1FE Primary School at Commonhead (2018)
- A further two 2FE Primary Schools in Wichelstowe (2020)
- **23 to 25FE at both Primary and Secondary level during the next 10 years**



## SWINDON EDUCATION

- A growing town of tremendous opportunity, high employment, many large national and multi-national companies, affordable housing, stunning countryside and some excellent schools
- Manorial records of Swindon from 1700 to 1900 show that many families chose to remain here instead of seeking fortunes elsewhere – 'Swindon was not a town that its occupants readily moved from or changed'.
- We hope that many of you will join us helping build our schools, all enjoy your visit here and get a lot from the conference today.



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