

NOTTINGHAM PUPILS HELP DESIGN NEW SCHOOLS

Nottingham pupils get their chance to shape the design of new schools in the city tomorrow when they meet the three organisations shortlisted to join Nottingham City Council in the transformation of secondary and special school education in the city.

A total of 24 pupils from Hadden Park, Bigwood, Aspley Wood and Shepherd Schools will meet Inspired Spaces, Miller Construction (UK) Ltd, and Transform Schools to comment on their initial proposals.

The day-long event will give the pupils, the majority aged between 11 and 19, a chance to comment on how the designs of the new buildings will offer new learning opportunities for the future.

The event is part of Nottingham City Council's Building Schools for the Future consultation that involves the bidders, schools, governors, and the City Council. One of the three private sector organisations will join with the City Council and the Government's Partnership for Schools to form the Local Education Partnership for Nottingham.

Jim Mason, Nottingham City Council's Building Schools for the Future programme director, said: "Pupils have already been very involved in the Building Schools for the Future programme. They have organised and run their own events, including a regional BSF conference for pupils, and have presented at national conferences on how they would like to see schools develop and change. Some pupils have taken part in a Designs for Learning course, where they worked in landmark buildings around the city such as Boots offices and the Lakeside Pavilion at Highfield Park, to gain ideas for redesigning their learning environment.

"In July, the pupils will meet up with the bidders again to see how their suggestions have been incorporated into the design ideas."

