

Notice of Motion received from Councillor K P Morgan:-

This Council opposes, in the strongest possible terms, any proposal by the Secretary of State for Education to:

- (a) give total freedom to head teachers to determine the term times of their schools
- (b) give total freedom to any corporate agency to set up Secondary Schools or Academies (sometimes known as "Free Schools"), inconsistent with the age groups or curriculum planned long-term by this County Council (ages 5-11, 11-16, 11-18)
- (c) allow any schools to operate for a market profit

Derbyshire Schools have long been established on a principle of co-operation between schools, (particularly at the critical transfer levels of 11 and 16), and free non-selective access, given available places, for all children and this Council opposes any move by Government to undermine these principles by allowing market competition to exist in one of our basic national freedoms, and that the Secretary of State be accordingly informed.