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By Natalie Stops and Matthew Abbots

The Paper is proud to announce it has won two national business awards. Edition five of *the Paper* scooped the prestigious Communicators In Business 'oscar' at a glittering awards ceremony in May.

The Paper was Class Winner in the Student Publications section after earlier receiving an Award of Excellence.

The awards – which have been presented since 1954 – are given to the best business publications in Europe. Recently categories expanded to include student publications. They recognise skills



within writing and design in the media that reflect an incisive sense of context and audience interest.

● We have also received encouragement from religious leaders following the front page in edition six, Clash of Symbols.

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Academy plan puts future of five city schools in doubt

BIG SPLIT OVER SUPER-SCHOOL

The secondary school system in Peterborough is set to drastically change over the next few years.

More than £100 million has been set aside aimed at renovating and expanding some schools, combining others into new, larger schools, and building four new schools.

The plans are aimed at raising standards and reducing the waste caused by surplus places in some schools while others are full to bursting.

Reshuffling

In September 2003 there were an estimated 1,900-plus empty places in the city's 13 secondary state schools costing the taxpayer about £1.3 million each year.

Promoters of the Secondary Schools Review say "reshuffling" of the city's schools means resources can be directed where they are most needed.

The massive overhaul includes:

By Jennifer Empson

- The proposed closure of five schools.
- Deacon's School, John Mansfield School (JMS) and Hereward Community College (HCC) would be combined to form a new "super-school", the Peterborough Academy on the current Deacon's site in Queen's Gardens, Eastfield.

The academy would be one of the biggest and most expensive state schools in Europe, costing £32 million, and serving more than 2,200 pupils.

- Walton and Bretton Woods Community Schools would close and a new school costing £17 million built, somewhere near the current Walton site.

The plans continue to provoke strong reactions from pupils, parents and local people, especially those connected to the threatened John Mansfield and Bretton Woods schools.

The headteachers of King's School, HCC, Deacon's School and also Bushfield, Stanground

and Orton Longueville all released statements saying they favoured the plans.

But the governors at John Mansfield made their objections very clear, saying that they did not think the super-school scheme was in the best interests of the Dogsthorpe community and that John Mansfield should stay where it is.

'Great news'

In August 2003 students and parents celebrated as the Government announced that the academy would be formed from merging Deacon's School and Hereward Community College only, leaving John Mansfield out of the scheme.

At the time, the headmaster of JMS, Mr Chris Walford, said the decision was "great news for the pupils, staff and local community".

Then came a last-minute twist. The plans were published on 9 September, 2003, with John Mansfield earmarked for closure.

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